

שְׁמַעְתִּי בְּשִׁמוֹ שְׁאָמַר, שְׁלִפְעָמִים מִיָּע לְאָדָם הִרְהוֹר

Don't Move From Your Place

THE TEACHING

What should you do when a sudden longing for Hashem comes over you? Sometimes a thought of teshuvah (הִרְהוֹר תְּשׁוּבָה), a longing (הִשְׁתַּוְּקוּת) for Hashem, comes to a person in some particular place. Right there, “בְּאוֹתוֹ הַמָּקוֹם דִּיקָא”, “in that very place”, he needs to strengthen it.

Hold on to it right where you are: “וְלֹא יַמְתִּין וְלֹא יִזּוּז מִמְּקוֹמוֹ”, “he should not wait and not move from his place.”

MAIN POINTS

- How? By saying there some words of pleading and request (תְּהַנּוּת וּבִקְשׁוֹת), or words of longing, with the mouth and the heart, as fits the moment.
- This is true even if the place is not prepared for it: not a place set for Torah and prayer, just somewhere along the way.
- Because if he moves from his place, the awakening may stop.
- His followers saw this in the Rebbe himself many times. He would stand in the middle of the house, speaking with them, revealing a wonderful Torah and wonderful paths in serving Hashem, and would not move from his place until he had finished what he wanted.

A PRACTICAL TAKEAWAY · OUR OWN REFLECTION

Inspiration often comes at odd moments: on a walk, in the kitchen, at a bus stop. Don't save it for later. A few words to Hashem right there can hold it.

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