



Parashat Bereishit • פ' בראשית

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“Accepting Punishment with Love”

In this week's parasha we are taken on a journey through the incredible story of the creation of the universe, culminating with the creation of the first human beings: Adam & Chava. Soon after, everything seems to fall apart as Adam and Chava sin, and are banished from the Garden of Eden. They are exiled from paradise to live a life of difficulty - בְּזַעַת אִפְיֶיךָ, תֹּאכַל לֶחֶם (by the sweat of your brow you shall eat your bread) on hostile land - , וְקוֹץ וְתַרְדֵּי, תִצְמַיְיחַ לְךָ (thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to you).

What are we to learn from this story? Rashi explains that the Torah teaches us about the story of creation in order to make it clear to us that the world belongs to Hashem and it is He who grants land to all the nations of the world as He wishes. Where, though, does the story of Adam's sin fit in this explanation? The Torah could have told us that there was a sin and they were exiled from Gan-Eden. Why all the details? There must be a reason why the Torah decides to go into such detail.

Some see the story of Adam and Chava in the Garden of Eden as a tragic one. They sin and they get punished. We sin and we get punished. Maybe we can look at this story in a different way.

In the 2nd chapter, 16th verse that Hashem commands Adam:

מִכָּל עֵץ-הַגֶּן, אָכַל תֹּאכַל...וּמֵעֵץ, הַדְּעִת טוֹב נָרַע לֹא תֹאכַל, מִמֶּנּוּ: כִּי, בְּיוֹם אֲכָלְךָ מִמֶּנּוּ מוֹת תָּמוּת.

(of every tree of the garden you may freely eat...But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it; for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.)

Hashem tells Adam that he can eat and enjoy all the fruits of Gan Eden, except those of the Etz HaDa'at (the tree of knowledge). The Etz HaChayim (the tree of life) is not mentioned here at all.

Surprisingly in the 3rd chapter, verse 22, the Torah tells us:

וַעֲתָה פֶּרֶי-יִשְׁלַח יְדוֹ, וְלָקַח גַּם מֵעֵץ הַחַיִּים, וְאָכַל, וַחַי לְעֹלָם

(And now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.)

What changed? Why is Hashem suddenly concerned that Adam might also eat from the Etz HaChayim? Indeed, earlier in the story there was no commandment not to eat of the tree of life.

We know that Hashem only wants us to have the good. That is why he gave us the Mitzvot; in order to guide us and to perfect our lives. If, by mistake, we fall off the path by performing a sin, then Hashem wants to help to get us back on track again. This is how Hashem set up the world; he created within the system a way of atonement.

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29th of Tishrei 5770

October 17, 2009

Shabbat Begins: 5:51pm

Shabbat Ends: 6:51pm

Haftara: Samuel I 20:18-42

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We see this ever so clear with the sin of Adam and Hashem's response. Initially, before Adam ate of the tree of knowledge, he was all good, and therefore there was no problem for him to eat of the fruit of the Etz Hachayim and live forever. But, after he ate the fruit of Etz HaDa'at, he internalized the bad and good in a way that made it difficult for him to distinguish what is the pure good. Hashem, therefore, came up with a solution. Namely, Adam will die and after that he will be created once again with only the good inside him. Just like before he sinned. This concept is called תחיית המתים (the Resurrection of the dead).

The exile from Gan-Eden wasn't, therefore, a punishment for Adam, rather it was a remedy to his difficult situation. If Adam had lived forever he would never have been able to do a Tikun (spiritual repairing) for his sin.

Life is bumpy and full of challenges. Every time we face these challenges and difficulties in life, we should think of this story and know that Hashem is always watching over us and is ready to reorient us back on the right path, a path of happiness, fulfillment and meaning.

Shabbat Shalom, Gil Klempert.

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