# נועם 'ק'

# עבודת התפילה Part 4



# On the topics of:

- Everything needs תפילה
- Consistency in תפילה

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Let's move on to the next area in our עבודת התפילה and try – עבודת - to work on it together.

#### Introduction

Before we discuss the next topic, it's very important to give a general introduction that will help us appreciate what we will discuss 'תבעורת ה'.

#### General Rules

There are many general rules in עבודת ה' עבודת ה'. Rules that we find in many ספרים from many different נצדיקים. These rules provide for us the fundamental foundation from which we base our whole which we base our whole עבודת ה' upon. Without these fundamental rules- we simply wouldn't know the proper way to serve Hashem.

There are so many different scenarios that come our way. How do we act in times of stress? How do we act in times of joy? What do we do in this situation? How do we react in that situation? Everything requires a איס from the previous generations for us to be able to learn from and apply to our own personal עבודת ה' The way we live our lives are shaped and defined

from the concepts of the תורה and ספרים הקדושים of all the generations.

## Questions

We need to understand that these fundamentals are the reality.

Sometimes, we might see events in our lives or the lives of others that might seem to question the idea we have passed down. Perhaps we will even see open contradictions to what we know as a rule. But the fact is- the rule is a rule. This is the system of how Hashem runs the world and how we are supposed to serve him. The fact that sometimes we see otherwise is just a question we won't be able to answer. It's an exception to the rule.

Let's give an example to better bring out the point.

## צדיק ורע לו

We all know as a simple fact that we have to fulfill the רצון. We need to be מצות and stay away from עבירות.

Simple.

The חורה clearly tells us that if we keep the תורה, things will

be very good for us, and if ה"ו someone doesn't keep the תורה, he will be punished.

Yet, we all know the most famous question asked by everyone.

Why do bad things happen to good people? Why do good things happen to bad people?

צדיק ורע לו?

רשע וטוב לו?

How do we understand this seemingly contradicting reality?

There are many answers given by הז"ל, but that's not our topic. What we are trying to bring out is as follows.

Just because there are exceptions to the rule that doesn't change the fact that this is the rule. If we follow Hashem, we will be happy and if we sway away 1"\pi, we won't. That's the reality we need to live with.

Imagine someone would say:

"Well, since I see bad people with good things obviously it's not the rule, therefore I will proceed to live my life without following the ways of Hashem."

We all understand that that's very silly and foolish.

We don't have the mental capacity to understand the ways of Hashem and therefore our job is simply to accept the fundamentals as facts and live our life accordingly. Not to get flustered with what seems to contradict, but to have אמנה that everything is in order.

With this introduction, lets introduce the next יסוד in תפילה.

## Everything needs תפילה

Hashem created a system in His relationship with His kinderlach. The system is, that if we want to receive a השפעה, from Hashem, we need to daven for it. If we don't daven for it, we won't get it.

ר' שמשון פינקוס זצ"ל brings this concept in the name of the רמח"ל.

"כי מן הסדרים שסדרה החכמה העליונה הוא שלהיות הנבראים מקבלים שפע ממנו יתב' צריך שיתעוררו הם אליו ויתקרבו לו ויבקשו פניו וכו'"

"From the fundamental rules of creation is that in order for a person to receive ברכה Hashem, he needs to come

close to Hashem and request from Him."

This is an unbelievable concept.

Without davening for something, we won't get it. We can find a person that it was decreed in שמים that they should receive a certain ברכה, but yet he won't receive it.

Why?

Simply because he didn't ask for it.

Who knows how many ברכות for us are waiting to be delivered to our door if only we would ask!

Very often, we hear from people that they are waiting for a specific ישועה in a particular area. They're waiting and complaining. Yet, when they are asked: "Did you daven for this? Did you ask Hashem in simple words to receive this?"

Often, the answer is no.

We need to internalize this concept very deeply into our hearts. Every ברכה we want to see in our life, from our health to our wealth, families and friends, everything needs to be davened for.

# What Type of Davening

The next step in this יסוד is life changing.

Many of us, when we daven we tend to ask in a generic form.

"Hashem, please can I have פרנסה?

Of course, every הפילה is beautiful. Yet, we need to introduce the next idea. Rav Shimshon discusses this in the Perek ביצור.

Included in the system that everything needs to be davened for is the idea that Hashem בביכול makes believe as if He only knows what you tell him. Of course, the reality is that Hashem knows everything a lot better than us. Yet, that's not how Hashem wants us to relate to Him.

Hashem is our Father. He wants us to open up to Him. He wants us to discuss everything with Him. And if we don't tell him, then כביכול Hashem makes as if He doesn't know.

R' Shimshon gives a משל. The son of a world renowned heart specialist is in the hospital with a severe heart condition.

One of the visitors wonders out loud: "Why is it that your father, the famous heart specialist, is nowhere to be found?"

The son answers simply:

"I haven't told him."

That's how Hashem wants us to relate to our relationship with davening. We need to articulate every single detail to Hashem.

Imagine in real life. How would we address our father who's a heart specialist? Would we simply say:

"Father, please heal me?"

Of course not! We would go through every aspect of the pain and every detail of what is bothering us.

#### אבינו שבשמים

Hashem is our Father. He wants to hear from us. He wants us to relate to Him in that capacity. He wants us to talk to Him and tell Him every detail.

#### כדבר איש אל רעהו

That's how we daven. We talk to Hashem- like one friend to another- ידיד נפש אב Hashem is our close friend. And that comes with this reality of how we are supposed to talk to Him.

#### Review

We just discussed two very important ideas about תפילה. The first is the concept that everything needs to be davened for. There are so many שמים ni ברכות destined for us- only waiting to be davened for.

The second concept is how we daven. We don't just generically say that we need something, rather we talk to Hashem, like a friend. We open up to Him, like a child opens up to a father. We talk, we have a conversation, we unload our burden and connect.

Let's introduce one more idea that is very important. If we want to see success in our davening, we need to internalize what we will now introduce a"געז".

## Consistency

Everyone knows and feels how throughout our lives, we all need things. As children, we need small things; like toys and candies. And as we get older and more mature, so do our needs

How does one know when the request is genuine? How do we know that what we want is real?

When we are consistent.

When we are in a consistent state of asking, that shows that we really want and need this particular request.

#### פסח שני

This week's פרשה talks about the special מצוה of פסח שני הפס.

There was a group of Yidden who unfortunately weren't able to bring the הקרבן פסח האפר פסח.

They came to משה רבנו and cried:

#### למה נגרע!

Why should we lose out on this special opportunity?

משה tells them "עמדו ואשמעה" Stand here and I will find out what the 'דצון ה' is.

ר' צדיק הכהן הכהן asks a simple question. What's the relevance of these words עמדו ואשמעה. Stand here as I find out? Does the Torah need to tell us that awaiting room?

The answer is unbelievable.

## אין עמידה אלא תפילה

The אמרא tells us that the word גמרא is referring to תפילה. תפילה was telling these Yidden something so important- a lesson for all of

"You have such a beautiful passionate desire to be מקים the ירצון ה' which is great. But how do we know that its sincere? How do we know that it's real?

#### עמדו

Put your yearning into words of עמדו. הפילה consistently daven for what you want and don't stop until you get answered"

Many people daven for something, but after a few days of not seeing results, they tend to slack off in their davening. That's not consistency. We need to understand that every ברכה has a price tag. The price is not money, but rather times of davening.

A person needs a ישועה. In ישועה, there is a package with that ישועה inside, with a price tag. It says 100 חפילות. Until

we daven the proper amount, we won't receive the ברכה.

### Story

R' Shimshon brings a beautiful story to bring out this point.

There was once a man, who wasn't the biggest תלמיד הכם. R' Shimshon knew the family well. With time, he noticed a slow change in the רוחניות of this Yid. First, he started to learn in the mornings. Then, he started to also learn in the evenings and eventually he completely went into retirement, dedicating himself to חנרה מורה.

This phenomenon was something very unique and R' Shimshon wanted to get to the bottom of the story.

What he found out was shocking.

The wife of the Yid decided with complete conviction that her husband needs to become a תלמיד חכם. Based on the schedule of her husband, it didn't seem so possible, but she started to dayen.

She davened and davened and never stopped davening.

Refusing to stop.

Consistently day after day, until she finally saw the fruits of her תפילות.

This is something we all need to work on. Often we get a motivation to daven for something, but after some time, we cool down. We need to remember that there's a number we need to reach. We need to keep on davening until we see the results.

מחזק אם ירצה ה' if we can be מחזק ourselves in these areas of תפילה, we certainly will merit to see all of our תפילות answered !!