

The Narrow Bridge

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INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

Short Quotes from Various Tzaddikim - Week 35

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רפואה שלמה פעסל בת גאלדא

WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I ONCE WANTED AN APPLE BUT MY FATHER WOULDN'T GIVE ME ONE. WHAT DID I DO? I MADE THE BLESSING OVER THE APPLE AND LEFT HIM NO CHOICE BUT TO GIVE ME THE APPLE SO THAT MY BLESSING WOULD NOT BE IN VAIN.

SIMILARLY, WHEN WE CALL HASHEM, "MELECH MOCHEL V'SOLE'ACH - KING WHO PARDONS AND FORGIVES" - HASHEM MUST FORGIVE US. OTHERWISE, WE WOULD BE SAYING HIS NAME IN VAIN!

RUZHINER REBBE, REB YISRAEL FRIEDMAN OF RUZHIN (1796-1850)

THE TEN DAYS OF REPENTANCE ARE A "SELLER'S MARKET" FOR TESHUVAH. DURING THESE DAYS, ANY TESHUVAH, REGARDLESS OF ITS QUALITY, WILL BE SNAPPED UP BY HASHEM. LET'S MAKE SURE WE HAVE "MERCHANDISE" FOR SALE!

REB YITZCHAK OF VORKA (1779-1848)

TESHUVAH IS NOT ABOUT BECOMING SOMEONE ELSE. IT IS ABOUT REVEALING WHO YOU TRULY ARE.

RABBI DANIEL AGALAR

"SEEK HASHEM WHEN HE IS TO BE FOUND." (ISAIAH 55:6)

EVEN THOUGH REPENTANCE AND CALLING OUT TO HASHEM ARE ALWAYS DESIRABLE, DURING THE TEN DAYS BETWEEN ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR, THEY ARE EVEN MORE DESIRABLE AND THEY WILL BE ACCEPTED IMMEDIATELY!

RAMBAM, RABBI MOSHE BEN MAIMON (1138-1204)

"IF A MAN SAYS TO A WOMAN: 'BE BETROTHED TO ME ON CONDITION THAT I AM A TZADDIK,' THEN EVEN IF HE WAS A COMPLETELY WICKED MAN, SHE IS STILL CONSIDERED BETROTHED, AS PERHAPS IN THE MEANTIME HE HAD THOUGHTS OF REPENTANCE IN HIS MIND AND IS NOW RIGHTEOUS." (TALMUD, KIDDUSHIN 49b)

TESHUVAH CAN BE DONE IN A MOMENT. ONE THOUGHT OF TESHUVAH TURNS THE PERSON AROUND FROM BEING "COMPLETELY WICKED" (RASHA GAMUR) TO "COMPLETELY RIGHTEOUS" (TZADDIK GAMUR)!

RABBI ELIMELECH BIDERMAN