

The Narrow Bridge

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INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

Short Quotes from Various Tzaddikim - Week 40

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THE WORLD HAS SUFFERING WITHIN IT, AND G-D SAYS, "I WANT YOU TO BE THE PEOPLE WHO DON'T ACCEPT THAT SUFFERING, WHO GO OUT AND ALLEVIATE IT, WHO HEAL IT AND MAKE THE WORLD THAT IS, A LITTLE CLOSER TO THE WORLD THAT IT OUGHT TO BE."

AND THAT IS OUR CHALLENGE, OUR LIFE. THE WORLD IS G-D'S QUESTION, AND WHAT WE DO WITH OUR LIVES IS THE ANSWER.

RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS (1948-2020)

"ON THE DAY THAT I FEAR, I TRUST IN YOU." (TEHILLIM 56:4)

BITACHON IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF FEAR.

IT IS THE BELIEF THAT HASHEM IS ALWAYS THERE, NO MATTER WHAT YOU FEAR.

RABBI DANIEL AGALAR

"MAN'S CHALLENGES COMMENSURATE WITH HIS MORAL STRENGTH." (BAMIDBAR RABBAH 12:3)

IF HASHEM HAS SENT YOU A GREAT CHALLENGE, THEN HASHEM MUST HAVE SENT YOU GREAT STRENGTH.

LUBAVITCHER REBBE, RABBI MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON (1902-1994)

In honor of Rachel Imeinu's yahrtzeit, may we merit to see the safe and speedy return of our brothers and sisters held captive. May this message serve as a reminder that the day is coming when Jerusalem will be rebuilt, never to be destroyed again.

THUS SAID HASHEM: A VOICE IS HEARD ON HIGH, WAILING, BITTER WEEPING, RACHEL WEEPS FOR HER CHILDREN; SHE REFUSES TO BE CONSOLED FOR HER CHILDREN, FOR THEY ARE GONE.

THUS SAID HASHEM: RESTRAIN YOUR VOICE FROM WEEPING AND YOUR EYES FROM TEARS; FOR THERE IS REWARD FOR YOUR LABOR, SAYS HASHEM, AND THEY WILL RETURN FROM THE ENEMY'S LAND. AND THERE IS HOPE FOR YOUR FUTURE, SAYS HASHEM, AND YOUR CHILDREN WILL RETURN TO THEIR BORDER.

YIRMIYAHU (31:14-16)

"GAZE NOW TOWARD HEAVEN AND COUNT THE STARS... SO SHALL BE YOUR DESCENDANTS." (BEREISHIS 15:5)

***SEEN FROM THE EARTH, THE STARS LOOK MINISCULE.
YET THEY ARE ACTUALLY WORLDS IN THEMSELVES, SOME EVEN LARGER THAN OUR OWN EARTH.
SO TOO, ARE THE JEWISH PEOPLE. THEY MAY APPEAR SMALL AND INSIGNIFICANT TO THOSE ON EARTH,
BUT IN THE SIGHT OF HEAVEN THEY ARE IMMENSE INDEED AND CONSIDERED AS THE PILLAR OF ALL CREATION.***

BAAL SHEM TOV, REB YISRAEL BEN ELIEZER (1698-1760)

***JUST AS THE STARS PROVIDE LIGHT AMIDST THE DARK NIGHT,
SO TOO THE JEWISH PEOPLE SERVE AS A LIGHT ADMIST THE DARKNESS AND CONFUSION.***

LUBAVITCHER REBBE, RABBI MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON (1902-1994)

***RASHI EXPLAINS THAT HASHEM LIFTED AVRAHAM ABOVE THE STARS AND OUT OF THIS REALM.
HASHEM WAS TELLING AVRAHAM THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE WILL NOT BE LIMITED TO THE LAWS OF NATURE.
THEY TRANSCEND TIME AND SPACE; THEY ARE SUPERNATURAL.***

REB NOSON OF NEMIROV (1780-1844)

***WHEN HASHEM TOLD AVRAHAM TO COUNT THE STARS, AVRAHAM BEGAN TO COUNT.
IF ANYONE OTHER THAN AVRAHAM WOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN THIS TASK, THEY WOULD HAVE IMMEDIATELY
RESPONDED THAT IT CAN'T BE DONE, BUT NOT AVRAHAM.***

***TO THIS, HASHEM RESPONDED, "SO SHALL BE YOUR DESCENDANTS."
THE JEWISH PEOPLE ARE DIVINELY BLESSED TO ACHIEVE THE IMPOSSIBLE. THEY WILL NEVER GIVE UP.***

RABBI MEIR SHAPIRO (1887-1933)

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