

The Narrow Bridge

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INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

Short Quotes from Various Tzaddikim - Week 38

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"HOW POWERFUL MUST BE A SHEPHERD WHO CAN PROTECT A LONE SHEEP WHO IS SURROUNDED BY SEVENTY HUNGRY WOLVES." (ESTHER RABBAH 10:11)

HASHEM IS OUR ETERNAL PROTECTOR. JEWS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A MINORITY; WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SURROUNDED BY OVERT AND COVERT ENEMIES.

THAT WE HAVE NEVERTHELESS SURVIVED IS TESTIMONY THAT "THE GUARDIAN OF ISRAEL NEITHER SLUMBERS NOR SLEEPS."

RABBI AVRAHAM J. TWERSKI (1930-2021)

PRAYER IS OUR MAIN WEAPON.

REBBE NACHMAN (1772-1810)

"THE EARTH WAS CHAOS AND VOID, WITH DARKNESS UPON THE DEPTHS, AND THE SPIRIT OF HASHEM HOVERED OVER THE SURFACE OF THE WATERS." (BEREISHIS 1:2)

THIS PROVIDES US WITH HOPE IN OUR OWN LIVES. DESPITE EVERYTHING THAT CAN OVERWHELM US AND CAUSE US CONFUSION, HASHEM IS WITH US AND CAN REMOVE US FROM THE CHAOS AND DARKNESS. ALTHOUGH CERTAIN THINGS CONCEAL HASHEM'S PRESENCE, WE MUST KNOW THAT HASHEM IS ALWAYS WITH US.

REB NOSON OF NEMIROV (1780-1844)

"AND THERE WAS EVENING AND THERE WAS MORNING, ONE DAY..." (BEREISHIS 1:5)

EVENING REPRESENTS DARKNESS, CONFUSION, AND SADNESS. DAY REPRESENTS LIGHT, CLARITY, AND JOY.

THE JEWISH DAY BEGINS WITH NIGHT. THE NIGHT IS LADEN WITH TREPIDATION AND FEAR. HOWEVER, WHEN DAY COMES, THERE IS GLADNESS AND SALVATION. AS IS KNOWN: "THE RIGHTEOUS BEGIN WITH AFFLICTION AND END WITH SALVATION. THE WICKED BEGIN WITH SALVATION AND END WITH AFFLICTION."

WHEN WE FIND OURSELVES SURROUNDED BY THICK DARKNESS, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT A NEW DAY, A NEW SALVATION, IS ON THE HORIZON.

IMREI SHEFER, REB AVRAHAM ABULAFIA (1240-1291)

Said one week following the outbreak of the Yom Kippur war:

THE VERSE STATES, "WHEN YOU TAKE TO THE FIELD OF BATTLE AGAINST YOUR ENEMIES," IT IS A MATTER OF CERTAINTY THAT "THE LORD, YOUR G-D, WILL DELIVER THEM INTO YOUR HAND," AND THAT "YOU WILL CAPTURE CAPTIVES" - THAT ALL OF THE HOSTAGES HELD THERE IN CAPTIVITY, ALONG WITH THE DIVINE SPARKS OF HOLINESS THAT ARE ENTRAPPED THERE, WILL BE RESCUED.

THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE WHEN JEWS ARE AT THE LEVEL OF TZADDIKIM: THE ENTIRE SITUATION BEGAN ON THE HOLIEST OF DAYS WHICH ATONES FOR ALL SINS, MEANING THAT ALL JEWS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE TO DEFEND MILLIONS OF FELLOW JEWS, SHOWING NO CONCERN FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY, ARE ON THE LEVEL OF COMPLETE TZADDIKIM.

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