The Narrow Bridge גשר צר מאוד INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

Short Quotes from Various Tzaddikim - Week 57

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ANGELS HAVE NO EVIL INCLINATION. HUMANS DO. AND BY OVERCOMING THEIR EVIL INCLINATION, HUMANS CAN RISE TO A GREATNESS FAR BEYOND THAT OF ANGELS.

REB YEHUDAH LEIB "LEIBELE" EIGER (1816-1888)

IN SHEMA, WE ARE COMMANDED, "PLACE THESE WORDS [OF TORAH] ON YOUR HEART."

BUT SHOULDN'T WE BE TOLD TO PLACE THEM "IN" OUR HEARTS?

THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN WE MAY NOT BE RECEPTIVE TO THE WORDS WE LEARN. NEVERTHELESS, HASHEM SAYS TO PLACE THEM ON YOUR HEART, SO THE MOMENT YOUR HEART OPENS WIDE, THE WORDS CAN FALL RIGHT IN!

KOTZKER REBBE, REB MENACHEM MENDEL (1787-1859)

THE GREATNESS OF OUR FOREFATHERS IS NOT BASED SOLELY ON THEIR OBSERVANCE OF THE TORAH AND MITZVOS,
BUT ON THEIR PASSING TESTS OF FAITH.

RAMBAN, REB MOSHE BEN NACHMAN (1194-1270)

THE TALMUD TEACHES, "WHOEVER IS GREATER THAN HIS FRIEND, HIS YETZER HARA IS GREATER THAN HIS FRIEND."

MEANING, THE MORE PRECIOUS AND HIGHER THE SOUL IS,

THE MORE THE EVIL INCLINATION WILL TRY TO OVERCOME HIM.

THEREFORE, IF A PERSON FINDS THAT HE HAS A GREAT YETZER HARA, HE MUST RECOGNIZE DEEP INSIDE THAT HE IS PRECIOUS AND HAS AN EXTREMELY HOLY SOUL. IT IS ONLY BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT HOLINESS THAT THE EVIL INCLINATION STRENGTHENS ITSELF SO MUCH AGAINST HIM.

REB NOSON OF BRESLOV (1780-1844)

THE GOOD DEEDS THAT A PERSON PERFORMS BECOME SEEDS THAT GET SOWN IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN.
THUS, EACH PERSON CREATES THEIR OWN PARADISE.

MAGGID OF MEZRITCH, RABBI DOVBER BEN AVRAHAM (1704-1772)