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SHABBAT TAZRIA/HACHODESH 5774/MARCH 28-29, 2014

HACHODESH HAZE LAKHEM HU ROSH CHODASHIM

Gleanings from Rabbeinu Bachaye and the Ohr HaChayim

Rabbeinu Bachaye introduces his commentary on this Parsha with a Pasuk from Mishle (15:23): "A ready response is a joy to a man, and how good is a word timed correctly!" It is known that when someone is speaking, wisdom says that he has happiness because talking comes not only from the mind but from the part of the Neshama that is in the human being. This is an advantage of human beings over animals.

Talking is related to HaKadosh Barukh Hu. When someone wants to talk, he organizes his thoughts in his mind but not as he's speaking. When he speaks, the way the words come out is directly from Hashem. As the Pasuk says (Mishle 16:1): "A man may arrange his thoughts, but what he says depends on Hashem." It's clear that speech is supported by Hashem and therefore happiness follows.

Even if a man has something very wise or profound to say, he is only allowed to say it at the right time. Man must work on himself to make sure he only speaks when it is appropriate. This is the Pshat of Mishle 15:23. The Midrash says that the Pasuk "Simcha L'Ish/a joy to a man" is referring HaKadosh Barukh Hu. As we learn in Shemot (15:3) "Hashem ISH Milkhama." And "Ma'ane Piv/A ready response" also refers to HaKadosh Barukh Hu as we learn in Bereishit (1:3) where Hashem says "Let there be light" and there was light. And Hashem says the light was good (1:4).

Rabbeinu Bachaya says that Hashem says "Ki Tov/It was good" six times throughout Creation, one time for each of the six days. Even though we know all the worlds were created in the same instant, the Sages tell the six days of Creation are no different than a farmer planting seeds. Even if the farmer plants six seeds at the same time, they will each start growing at different times and at different speeds. And that's why Shlomo HaMelekh says "V'Davar B'ito Ma Tov/and how good is a word time correctly." All the seeds that Hashem planted came out at the right day, at the right time, and fit perfectly into Hashem's master plan of the universe from the light that was the first to be created in the world above until the human being that was created last in the world below.

SHABBAT TIMES FOR BOCA RATON

Candle Lighting: 7:17PM

Shabbat starts: 7:35PM

Dinner: 9PM

Shachrit: 9AM

Z'man Shema: 10:20AM

Hatzot: 1:25PM

Lunch: 12:45PM

Mincha: After Lunch

Various Shiurim with

Dessert: Following Mincha

(Parsha, Zohar, Yalkut

Yosef, and more)

Kids Tehillim: 6:00PM

Seudah Shlishit: 7:15PM

Shkiya: 7:36PM

Motzei Shabbat: 8:11PM

Rabbeinu Tam: 8:49PM

Parshat Tazria:

Vayikra 12:1 – 13:58

Maftir Parshat

HaChodesh:

Shemot 12:1-20

Haftarat HaChodesh:

Yekhezkel 45:18-46:15

The human being is not a lesser creation because he was created last; in fact it is just the opposite. Man was created last as the most important part of Creation because the last in deed is the first is mind. That's why we find that the things that are important are found in the end, like the human being that was created last; Shabbat which is the last day of the week; and Olam Haba, the last step for the soul as it leaves this world. You cannot buy life in Olam Haba except with the knowledge that you gain in this world. We see that Eisav was married before Yaakov and had children before Yaakov. And all the kingdoms of the world emerged before Am Yisrael.

That's why David HaMelekh says in Tehillim (40:6): "The wonders you've made are for us." The great philosophers say, "The beginning of your thoughts is what you see at the end." It's the same when planting a fruit tree: first one has plant the seeds, wait for it to sprout, then to grow, and only then will it start producing fruit. That's why when the Parsha says "Isha Ki Tazria" (Vayikra 12:2) is in the language of seeds. The seed of the child is planted in the woman for it to grow. The ultimate goal of the planting is to bring him, eight days after he is born, to the Brit Milah. There is also a great mitzvah for the woman too, since she is the one who will bring him into the Brit. So we learn from here the ultimate goal is the end. And our Sages looked into the future, to see us, and prepared instructions for us to get the ultimate goal of Mashiach and HaOlam Haba.

When the Kohen looks at the flesh of a human being, by saying Pure or Impure, he can cause the person to be healed just with his words. Like we see in this Haftarah that Elisha HaNavi told the Chief Officer of the Army Ammon to go and wash in the mikvah of the River Jordan he will be healed from his disease. After doing so, he came back to Elisha and told him that he knows that there are no gods except the G-d of Israel. And so we are waiting for all the world to fulfill the words of our Sages and Prophets and recognize that there is only Hashem. Like it's mentioned "B'Nisan Nigalu, B'Nisan Natidin Ligael." Just as the Redemption from Egypt occurred in the Month of Nisan, so should our final redemption come this Nisan.

Chodesh Tov and Shabbat Shalom!!

Halakhot of the Week (Halakhot of Pesach)

From the words of Maran Rav Ovadia: Our brothers, the Ashkenazim, took upon themselves extra restrictions for Pesach: They do not eat any dried fruit because it may have been dried in a pan not Kosher for Pesach. But they are allowed to feed it to babies children. Also Matzah Ashira (Rich Matzah), matzah made with fruit juice the Ashkenazim restrict, but the Rambam says it does not become Chametz. Maran Shulkhan Arukh allowed for dried fruit and Matzah Ashira and so Sepharadim may eat these foods throughout Pesach. We will explain why, Bezrat Hashem, next week.

NEWS

- Less than three weeks until Pesach!! Rosh Chodesh Nissan is Tuesday April 1.
- Mazal tov to Amir and Lilakh on their Chanukat HaBayit. Thank you to everyone who attended.
- Thank you to all who attended Monday's dinner in honor of Rav Shalom and Rav David Korkos.
- Big thanks to all who are involved in helping us buy the property next door with the hopes of combining it with our shul. Please pray for us; we need everyone's support to make it happen.