

Exile & Redemption

Based on the Dvar Malchus of the Shabbos Parshas Emor, 5751

Back to redemption

Over the past couple of weeks we learned that each and every one of us has to do our best and utmost to bring about the redemption. In last week's "Dvar Malchus" as well as this week's, parshas Emor, the Rebbe explains the meaning of the word *geula* in Hebrew and how to apply its teachings to our lives.

We learned that the golus and all the good it has to offer isn't severed and cut off from the redemption. Instead, it experiences a state of freedom and becomes an actual part of the redemption. One should certainly not be afraid of the redemption. On the contrary – we should all be happy as we near that moment when the Rebbe Melech Hamoshiach becomes revealed to all mankind.

We saw the same thing happen when we left Egypt. The Jewish nation left with their things as well as the Egyptians. They completely emptied out Egypt. The Egyptians gave the Jewish nation their silver and gold. The *eirev rav* also left with them. Not only did the Jews leave Egypt, they took Egypt with them! Hashem created silver and gold and gave them to the Egyptians who in turn gave them to the Jewish nation, which is the true reason why they (silver and gold) were created.

The question

When we were redeemed from Egypt, the Egyptians understood that they had to change their behavior and do what Hashem wants. Furthermore, and most important, Hashem revealed Himself to us and gave us the Torah, which was the purpose of taking us out of Egypt.

In a similar manner, when the true and complete redemption will come, the world will show its true self and everyone and everything will do what they're suppose to do, both materially and spiritually. The posuk "...The land will be full of the knowledge of Hashem..." will be obvious to all. There will be "new heavens" and a "new earth" and most important "a new Torah", which means that Hashem will reveal the secrets of the Torah to us.

The above are the most important elements and things about the redemption. Now, in the last moments of the exile, is the time to get ready and expect it. How do we do that? Let's look at the Hebrew word for redemption – *geula*. It's made up of two parts, the word *gola* (golus) and the Hebrew letter alef. What do we see?

The answer

The Hebrew letter *alef* teaches us three very important things. First of all, as we learned last week, it teaches us that

Hashem is the *aluf* (boss) of the world.

*An explanatory note: (The words *olam* (world) and *heelem* (hidden) in Hebrew are very similar and teach us an important message. The world – hides Hashem's presence).

When we learn Torah and do mitzvos, the whole world sees that Hashem created it and continues to be its boss. Therefore, we have to behave as is befitting a soldier in Tzivos Hashem who is totally devoted to the Chief of Staff the Rebbe Melech Hamoshiach.

The *alef* teaches a second thing. It is very similar to a word in Aramaic – *ulpana* (to learn). When we learn Torah, Hashem's presence is revealed in the world.

The *alef* teaches us yet a third thing. Let's rearrange the letters and we see a new word – *pele* (wonder and miracle). This teaches us that Hashem created the world and is its *baal habayis* (the boss). He can change whatever he wants and do wonders (really big miracles). When the redemption will finally arrive, the world at one point will change. There will be *tichiyas hameisim* (resurrection of the dead), a wolf and lamb will live together, and more. We make this all happen by learning the pele – wonders of the Torah – Chassidus.

The Melech Hamoshiach is also a

kind of a "wonder". He, the Rebbe Shlita, is smarter than King Solomon! He will teach the entire Jewish nation the "new Torah".

How does all of this apply to us? In the last moments of *gola* (exile), we bring the *aluf* (boss of the world) and *pele* (learning lots of Chassidus) into all of our activities which will bring about the great wonders which we so much want to see already. It's so – so important to learn a lot of Chassidus!

Tachlis

We have to really try and publicize Hashem's glory and presence, through the Rebbe's mitzvoim, especially through the Moshiach Campaign, and by learning Torah, especially Chassidus Chabad, something which we are already doing, but should of course continue doing.

Let's not keep everything for ourselves. We have to make everyone aware of the wellsprings and bring them everywhere.

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