

PARSHAT BERESHIT

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List of over 200 Names of Soldiers on Back

SHABBAT TABLE

An Enriched Life

R' Joey Haber once shared an incredibly powerful piece from the Vilna Gaon. The first word in the entire Torah hints to the intangible things in life that make up the essence of a real Jew. The word שרת / 'bereshit' hints to the 6 foundational ideas that enriches life:

[Trust] <u>b</u>itachon
[Will] <u>ratzon</u>
[Love] <u>a</u>hava
[Silence] <u>s</u>hetika
[Fear] <u>y</u>ir'ah
<u>T</u>orah

If a Jew has *bitachon*, their life is completely different. They live with a connection to *Boreh Olam* and internalize that everything is ultimately good. Anyone with *bitachon* knows that life is incredibly beautiful.

When you have a will, a burning fire inside to *do* and create and accomplish and produce and to grow, life is a different experience. Anyone who has accomplished anything great has had the motivation and *ratzon* to do so. You look the way you do today because of the *ratzon* in your soul.

Life is rich when you have people around you that you love. Siblings, parents, spouse, children, friends, community. All the more so when one lives with true *ahava* between one and Hashem – that's when life is powerful.

The skill of silence is a universal power, whether it's someone who knows how to talk, and then pause, or when someone knows when *not* to respond. Even in midst of an argument, being silent is powerful, despite the palpable intensity, because when it calms down, there's nothing to clean up afterwards. *Shetikah* is such a huge concept; to know how and when to use it is unbelievable.

Fear is the glue that keeps us on a normal path. At the end of the day, the reason we don't desecrate Shabbat is out of fear of the consequences and of doing the wrong thing, more than from love. The reason society has some semblance of normalcy is because of *yir'ah*, and the cause for all the chaos throughout the world is the lack of *yir'ah*. *Yir'ah* makes everything work. And last but most definitely not least – Torah. Torah is our blueprint for life; it's what transforms us into better people and connects us to Hashem. A Torah life is one worth living.

What's fascinating is that these 6 intangible qualities to an enriched life are all opposites of each other. *Bitachon* is calm, whereas *ratzon* is all fired up. Fear and love are opposites. Torah is spoken aloud – the opposite of silence. THAT is the quality of life – balancing all these 6 blessings in one's life. That's when it becomes powerful.

He or Me?

R' Yaakov Mizrahi related a pertinent message. The Torah describes the curse to Adam after his sin: בזעת אפיך תאכל לחם – with the sweat of your brow you will eat bread, a reference to working hard for one's sustenance.

R' Shlomo Amar asked: what about in today's day and age? Nowadays, most people work in an air conditioned office. Many work on computers and little on the fields plowing and threshing. What does this curse to mankind look like in modern times?

He answered with a profound insight. Before Adam ate from the tree, it was very clear to him that G-d is the only Provider. Trees had bread growing out of them - the berachah that he saw unbelievable. After the curse, he had to plow, plant, reap, thresh, grind, knead, bake - and after all that, say baruch Ata, Hashem... haMotzi lechem min ha'aretz - G-d, it was ALL YOU! The farmer could think he was the one who did everything; THAT'S the curse. Now have to do seemingly everything and know that you did absolutely nothing. One can never say that it was his strength, planning, business, tactics, or ideas that did anything. It's never us. It's all Boreh Olam, from beginning to end.

Dedicated for the safety and success of our beloved Israeli Soldiers, our brothers and sisters in Eretz Yisrael, and all Am Yisrael.

"While it's important to act properly between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, it's perhaps more important to act properly between Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashana."

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