



Today's Daf In Review is being sent I'zecher nishmas Habachur Yechezkel Shraga A"H ben R' Avrohom Yehuda

### Shabbos Daf Kuf Nun Beis

- The pasuk in Koheles continues to discuss the effects of old age and says: “the guards of the house will tremble” – the sides and the ribs begin to shake, “the strong men will bend” – the legs bend, “the grinders stop” – the teeth, “the lookers through the window become dark” – the eyes.
- The king asked **R' Yehoshua ben Chananya** why he did not show up to the place where the debates were held. He answered: the mountain is full of snow (his hair is white), there is ice in the surrounding areas (his beard and mustache are white), the dogs do not bark (his voice is weak), the grinders do not grind (his teeth don't function). In the **Yeshiva of Rav** they said that he added, I look for things that I have not lost (he was bent over as if looking for something on the ground).
- A Braisa says, **R' Yose bar Kisma** says: 2 are better than 3 (walking on 2 legs as opposed to using a cane), woe is to that that goes and does not return, which **R' Chisda** explains is referring to youth.
  - **R' Dimi** said, youth is like a crown of roses and old age is like a crown of smelly leaves.
- **R' Meir** taught in a Braisa: chew well with your teeth and you will find the benefit in your steps.
- **Shmuel** told **R' Yehuda**, eat bread, because until 40 years old eating is beneficial. After 40 drinking is beneficial.
- A heretic who was a “sris” (a man not capable of having tashmish) said to **R' Yehoshua ben Korchah**, how far is it from here to Karchina (a reference making fun of **R' Yehoshua's** baldness)? **R' Yehoshua** answered, the same distance as from here to Guzayna (a reference of the heretic's disability). The heretic said, a bald animal is sold for 4 dinars (a reference comparing **R' Yehoshua** to a goat which has no hair when compared to a sheep). **R' Yehoshua** answered, an animal which can't reproduce is sold for 8 dinars (a reference comparing him to such an animal). Seeing that **R' Yehoshua** was not wearing shoes he said, one who rides on a horse is a king, on a donkey is a free man, who wears shoes is human, but one who has none of these is worse off than being dead. **R' Yehoshua** answered, the glory of a face is a beard, the happiness of the heart comes from being with a woman, the inheritance of Hashem is children – blessed is Hashem Who has given you none of these.
- **Rebbi** asked **R' Shimon ben Chalafta** why he didn't come to visit him on Yom Tov. He answered, the small rocks have become tall, the close have become far, the 2 have become 3 (a cane) and the thing that brings peace has stopped (a reference to the ability to have tashmish).
- The pasuk says: “When the doors in the street are closed” refers to the openings of a person's body, “when the sound of grinding is low” – the stomach no longer digests properly, “when one awakens from the sound of a bird” – an old person awakens at any noise, “all sounds of song are low” – all singing sounds like a whisper.
  - Barzilai Hagiladi said similarly to Dovid Hamelech when explaining why he wouldn't move near the palace. He said he is old and doesn't have the thought process of a young man, and can't enjoy the food, drink, or music.
    - **Rav** says Barzilai was a liar, because we find the maid of **Rebbi** was 92 and would still taste the pot to see if it was properly spiced.
    - **Rava** says Barzilai overindulged in “znus”, which is why he aged in poor health.
- A Braisa says, **R' Yishmael b'R' Yose** says, talmidei chachomim become wiser as they age. An “ahm ha'aretz” becomes more foolish as he ages.
- The pasuk says: “they even fear heights” – small mounds seem like mountains to them, “they are scared on the road” – they are scared as they travel, “the almond tree grows” – the hips begin protruding, “the grasshopper becomes a burden” – his bottom becomes a burden for him, “the aviyonah stops” – the desire for women stops.

- **R' Kahana** was saying this pasuk in front of **Rav**, and **Rav** sighed when he heard it. **R' Kahana** said, **Rav's** desire must have stopped.
- **R' Kahana** said the pasuk says that desire for women and for children are decreed by Hashem, because without that, there is no reason for the desire (it is nonsensical).
- The pasuk says “a person goes to his eternal home” – it says *his* eternal home. **R' Yitzchak** says this teaches that although life ends for everybody via death, each person gets the place he deserves in Gan Eden.
- **R' Yitzchak** says, the pasuk says “childhood and youth are nothingness” which tells us that the way one conducts himself in his youth (if he overindulges in tashmish) weakens him in his old age.
- **R' Yitzchok** says, worms pain the dead person like a needle to the living flesh.
- **R' Chisda** learns from a pasuk that a person's soul mourns over his own death for 7 days.
  - **R' Yehuda** says, if a person dies without mourners, 10 people should gather in his house for those 7 days. **R' Yehuda** once arranged for people to go with him to sit in a house of a person who died without mourners. The person came to him in a dream and thanked him.
- **R' Avahu** says, the meis knows everything that is said in front of him until the cover is placed on the coffin.
  - **R' Chiya and R' Shimon the son of Rebbi** argue: one says the meis knows until the cover is placed, and the other says he knows until he decomposes.
- A Braisa says that a pasuk teaches, we must return our neshama to Hashem with the purity with which it was given to us. A mashal is given about a king who gave clothing to his servants. The smart ones kept them clean and neat and the others overused them and kept them filthy. When the day came that the king asked for it back, he was very happy with the people who returned them to him in great condition and they were rewarded. He was angry at those who returned them dirty and threw them in jail.
- A Braisa says **R' Eliezer** says, the neshamos of the tzadikim are stored beneath Hashem's Throne. The neshamos of the resha'im are thrown by Malachim back and forth across the world.
  - **Q: Rabbah** asked **R' Nachman**, what about the people who are in between being tzadikim and resha'im? **A:** He answered, **Shmuel** said, they are given with the resha'im to “Dumah” (the Malach in charge of the spirits), but they rest while the resha'im are thrown around.
- **R' Mari** learns from a pasuk that even the bodies of tzadikim are turned to dust.
  - Diggers in **R' Nachman's** field came across a dead body that made noises at them. **R' Nachman** came and asked the meis who he is. He answered that he was **R' Achai bar Yoshiya**. He asked him, **R' Mari** taught from a pasuk that even tzadikim decompose, so how did you not? He answered, only people who are envious decompose. **R' Nachman** asked him to come home with him. He said a meis may not leave the grave until Hashem brings “techiyas hameisim”. **R' Nachman** asked, there is another pasuk that says that all meisim will become earth?! He answered, that happens to tzadikim one moment before “techiyas hameisim”.
- A heretic asked **R' Avahu**, if the neshamos of tzadikim are kept by Hashem's Throne, how was the person able to speak to the spirit of Shmuel Hanavi? He answered, that was within 12 months of his death, which is when the neshama goes up to heaven and back down to earth. After 12 months is when it reaches its final resting place.