



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

### Taanis Daf Zayin

- **R' Avahu** said, a day of rain is greater than the day of techiyas hameisim, because techiyas hameisim is only for the tzaddikim, and rain is for the tzaddikim and the resha'im.
  - This argues on **R' Yosef**, who says that the two are equal, which is why we mention rain in the bracha of techiyas hameisim.
- **R' Yehuda** said, a day of rain is as great as the day on which we got the Torah, based on the pasuk of "yarof kamatar (rain) likchi (referring to Torah).
  - **Rava** said, the day of rain is even greater than the day on which we got the Torah, because the pasuk is saying that Torah is "like" rain – which means that the rain is even greater.
  - **Rava** asked, the pasuk first compares Torah to rain, and the pasuk then compares Torah to dew ("tizal katal imrasi"). Which one is it? He answered, for a righteous talmid chachom it is like dew – always beneficial. For others it is like rain – which at times is not beneficial.
    - A Braisa says, **R' Bina'ah** darshened pesukim to teach that if one learns Torah for its sake, it becomes a potion of life. If ones learns Torah not for its sake, it becomes a poison of death.
  - **R' Zeira in the name of R' Yochanan** darshened the pasuk that compares a person to a tree, to teach that a person should learn from a talmid chachom that is righteous, and should not "cut him down" (like a fruit tree, where the fruits are eaten and one may not cut it down). However, a talmid chachom that is not righteous should be "cut down".
  - **R' Chama the son of R' Chanina** said, the pasuk of "barzel b'barzel yachad" teaches that just as 2 pieces of iron sharpen each other, so too, 2 talmidei chachomim sharpen each other's mind when they learn together.
  - **Rabbah bar bar Chana** said, Torah is compared to fire to teach that just like a fire cannot be started by one piece of wood alone, so too Torah must be learned together with others for it to be retained.
  - **R' Yose bar Chanina** darshened a pasuk to teach that talmidei chachomim who learn alone deserve to be punished. More than that, they become fools. More than that, they are considered to be sinners.
  - **R' Nachman bar Yitzchak** said, we see from a pasuk that Torah is compared to wood. This teaches that just as a small piece of wood can ignite a larger piece of wood, the same is with talmidei chachomim – small talmidim can sharpen great chachomim. Like **R' Chanina** said – he learned a lot from his rabbei'im, even more from his friends, but he learned the most from his students.
  - **R' Chanina bar Pappa** asked, one pasuk says that a rebbi should go to the student to teach Torah, and another says that the student should go to the rebbi!? The difference is, if the student is proper and righteous, the rebbi should even go to him. If the student is not, the student must go to the rebbi.
  - **R' Chanina bar Chama** asked, one pasuk suggests that one should look to teach Torah to others. Another pasuk suggests that one should learn for himself!? The difference is, if the student is proper and righteous, one should teach him Torah. If the student is not, he should not.

- **R' Chanina bar Idi** said, the Torah is compared to water, to teach that just like water rolls from a high place to a low place, so too Torah can only be retained by one who humbles himself.
- **R' Oshaya** said, Torah is compared to water, wine, and milk, to teach that just as these liquids can only be retained in inferior keilim, so too Torah can only be retained by one who humbles himself.
  - This is like the story of the princess who asked **R' Yehoshua ben Chananya** why such great knowledge (his knowledge) was kept in so ugly a body. **R' Yehoshua** asked her why her father keeps the wine in ugly, earthenware barrels. She responded by having it changed to golden keilim. All the wine spoiled. When asked by the king why he had done so, **R' Yehoshua** explained, I answered her the way she spoke to me (to show that the prestigious things – like wine and wisdom – must be kept in ugly keilim). She then asked, but there are beautiful people who have a lot of wisdom!? **R' Yehoshua** said, if they were ugly, they would have much more wisdom.
  - Another reason Torah is compared to these 3 liquids, is just like these only spoil when attention is not paid to them, so too Torah is only forgotten when no attention is paid to it.
- **R' Chama the son of R' Chanina** learned from a pasuk that the day of rain is as great as the day that the world was created.
  - **R' Oshaya** learned from the pasuk that the day of rain is so great that salvation is abundant on a rainy day.
- **R' Tanchum bar Chanilai** said based on a pasuk, that rain only comes if the aveiros of the Yidden have been forgiven.
- **R' Tanchum the son of R' Chiya** said based on a pasuk, rain is only withheld if the Yidden are deserving to be destroyed.
  - **R' Chisda** learned from a pasuk that rain is only withheld as punishment for not keeping the halachos of terumos and maasros.
  - **R' Shimon ben Pazi** learned from a pasuk that rain is withheld because of the speaking of lashon harah.
  - **R' Sala in the name of R' Hamnunah** learned that rain is only withheld because of chutzpah.
    - **R' Sala in the name of R' Hamnunah** learned that one who has chutzpah will eventually commit znus. **R' Nachman** learned from the same pasuk that such a person has certainly already committed znus.
    - **Rabbah bar R' Huna** learned that we may refer to a person with chutzpah as a rasha. **R' Nachman bar Yitzchak** learned, that we may even hate him.
  - **R' Katina** learned from a pasuk that rain is only withheld as a punishment for bitul Torah.
  - **R' Ami** learned from a pasuk that rain is only withheld as a punishment for stealing. The Gemara learns from the end of the pasuk that the remedy for this is to daven profusely.
    - **R' Ami** also learns from another pasuk, that if one sees that there is no rain because of the bad deeds of the generation, he should take to tefilla.