



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

Yevamos Daf Samach Gimmel

- The Gemara lists 7 statements of **R' Elazar**, which are based on pesukim:
 - A person who doesn't marry is not considered to be a person.
 - A person who doesn't own land is not considered to be a person.
 - The pasuk says "e'eseh lo eizer kingdo", which teaches, if a person is zocheh, his wife will help him. If he is not zocheh, she opposes him.
 - Others say that he said, if a man is zocheh, his wife is "kingdo" (she is with him). If he is not zocheh, she is "kinagdo" (she whips him).
 - **R' Yose** asked Eliyahu, in what way does a wife help a husband? He answered, she takes the wheat and makes food, she takes the flax and makes clothing.
 - The pasuk says that Adam said "This time it is a bone from my bones...". This teaches that Adam had tashmish with every animal and was not satisfied until he had tashmish with Chava.
 - He explains a pasuk to mean, that Hashem told Avrohom "v'nivrichu bicha" – I will graft into you 2 good plants, referring to Rus and to Naama, who came from Moav and Amon. "Kol mishpichos ha'adama" – even the people who live in the earth are only blessed in the zechus of the Yidden. "Kol goyei haaretz" – even people who spend most of their time on ships are only blessed in the zechus of the Yidden.
 - He explains a pasuk, that when Moshiach comes, all professions will be abandoned and everyone will work the land.
 - He says the word "yardu" used in conjunction with farming teaches that working the land is the lowliest of jobs.
- The Gemara quotes **R' Elazar**, **Rav**, and **Rava**, who all say that buying and selling is preferable over working the land. **R' Pappa** said, one should rather grow his own food than buy it, even if the cost is the same, because more bracha comes on home grown produce.
 - The Gemara says, a person should sell all his household goods and furniture to do business and not become poor, but one should not sell his clothing. If one has a small hole, he should plug it rather than enlarge it to repair and plaster. If one must repair and plaster, do that rather than to replace the entire wall, because getting involved in building makes one poor. One should jump at the opportunity to buy real estate. One should take his time when choosing a wife. One should go "down a step" when taking a wife, and go "up a step" when choosing a close friend.
- **R' Elazar bar Avina** said, punishment only comes to the world because of the Yidden.
- **R' Chiya** once blessed **Rav**, that he should be saved from the thing worse than death. **Rav** searched and found a pasuk that says a bad wife is worse than death.
 - **Rav's** wife would purposely give him the opposite of what he asked for. His son **Chiya** would ask his mother for the opposite of what **Rav** really wanted, so that she would actually bring what **Rav** wanted. When **Rav** heard why he started getting what he asked for, he told **Chiya** that he shouldn't do that, because it is not saying the truth.
 - **R' Chiya's** wife would bother him a lot, yet he would buy her nice things that he knew she would appreciate. **Rav** asked why he bought gifts for her given that she was so bad to him. **R' Chiya** said, it is enough that she raises my children and saves me from sin.
 - **R' Yehuda** once told his son **R' Yitzchak**, that the pasuk that says a wife is worse than death refers to **R' Yitzchak's** mother. Although we find that elsewhere **R' Yehuda** said that his wife was very good, her issue was that she would anger quickly but would then calm quickly.

- **Q:** What is meant by a “bad wife”? **A: Abaye** said, it is a woman who will serve her husband a meal, but will verbally abuse him as she does so. **Rava** said, she serves him a meal but will intentionally not eat with him.
- **R’ Chama bar Chanina** said, we learn from a pasuk, after a man marries, he no longer has the same desire for sin.
 - In Eretz Yisrael, when a man got married, they would ask him “matza or motzeh” – meaning did you get a good wife or a bad wife.
 - **Rava** said based on pesukim, it is a mitzvah to divorce a bad wife. **Rava** also said, if one can’t afford to divorce his bad wife, he should marry another woman, and that will make the first wife change her ways. **Rava** said, a bad wife is like a stormy day. **Rava** said, based on the pasuk of “matza isha matza tov”, that if the pasuk refers to a physical wife, this shows how great a good wife is, and if the pasuk refers to Torah, the fact that Torah is compared to a good wife, we see how great a good wife is. Similarly, when the pasuk says that a bad wife is worse than death, if it refers to a physical wife, we see how bad a bad wife is, and if it refers to Gehenom, we still see how bad a bad wife is.
 - **R’ Nachman in the name of Rabbah bar Avuha** said, the pasuk that says that there will be bad brought on a person from which he cannot escape, refers to a bad wife who has a hefty kesubah.
 - **R’ Chanan bar Rava in the name of Rav** said, the pasuk that says that a person’s children will be given to another nation, actually means that they will be given over to a stepmother. He also said, when the pasuk says “I will anger them with a disgusting nation”, it refers to a bad wife with a hefty kesubah. **R’ Eliezer** said this last pasuk refers to the Tzedukim. A Braisa says this refers to nations who would walk around unclothed in the marketplace. **R’ Yochanan** said, this refers to the wicked “Chabarim”.
 - **R’ Yochanan** was once told that Chabarim had come to Bavel and made 3 decrees. He said, the 3 decrees are punishment for 3 things: they decreed regarding meat, because people weren’t careful to give the Kohanim their gifts of meat; they decreed regarding the bathhouses, because people weren’t careful with mikveh; they decreed to exhume the dead, because people celebrated the non-Jewish holidays.
 - **Rabbah bar Mari** once explained pesukim to mean that death is preferable for the wicked, because it prevents them from sinning and thereby falling to Gehenom.
- The Gemara quotes from the Book of Ben Sira:
 - A good wife is a good present, which is given to one who fears Hashem. A bad wife is like tzaraas, and the way to heal is by divorcing her. A beautiful wife makes a lucky husband, and his days are thereby doubled (he has tremendous pleasure).
 - Close your eyes to a charming woman and stay away from her and her husband so that you will not be led to sin.
 - Do not worry about tomorrow, because one never knows what the next day brings. One may not even live to see the next day and therefore worries for no reason.
 - Do not have too many people in your house, and only reveal private matters to one in a thousand.
- **R’ Assi** said, Moshiach won’t come until all the souls kept in the special place in Heaven called “guf” are gone.
- A Braisa says, **R’ Eliezer** darshened pesukim to teach that one who doesn’t try to have children is as if he murdered. **R’ Yaakov** says based on a pasuk that it is as if he diminishes the image of Hashem. **Ben Azzai** says, it is as if he did both. They said to **Ben Azzai**, you don’t practice what you preach (he remained single, without children)! He answered them, I have no choice, because my soul craves Torah, so the world will have to be preserved by other people.
- A Braisa darshens the pasuk of “uvnucho yomar shuva Hashem rivivos alfei Yisrael”, to teach that the Shechina does not rest on less than 22,000 Yidden. This results, that if there are 21,999 Yidden, a person who didn’t try to have children thereby causes that the Shechina should not rest on the Yidden! **Abba Chanan in the name of R’ Eliezer** learns from a pasuk that such a person is chayuv misah. **Others** say, such a person causes the Shechina to leave the Yidden.