

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM RABBI YITZI

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PARSHAS SHEMOS

Unbreakable

In this week's parsha, Shemos, we read about the burning bush. "The bush was on fire but the bush was not being consumed."

What is the meaning of this symbolism? What can we take from this to help us in our lives?

For the Jewish people in Egypt, the bondage had reached an all time low. Pharaoh, afflicted with a skin ailment, was told by his doctors that to cure it, he needs to bathe in the blood of Jewish children. This was the blow that broke the Jewish people.

Until this point there was the hope, the understanding that as difficult as things are, there is a purpose to the suffering, and soon, there will be an end to the bondage. But with their children being murdered, all hope of a future is gone.

Yet the Jewish people did not despair. When they had nothing left, they remembered that a Jew always has Hashem. They cried out to Hashem with all their hearts, and Hashem heard their cries.

This is when Hashem shows Moshe the burning bush and this is the start of the redemption.

"The bush burns but it is not consumed." This is the story of the Jewish people. When there seems to be no fuel left, we remember that we have Hashem. We burn bright and strong and are not consumed. This is what kick starts our redemption.

At times, life is so difficult, we can see no hope, but there is no reason to despair. It is time to shine brighter than ever and cry

out to Hashem from a place far deeper than what we ever imagined, from the inner fire that can never be extinguished. And then Hashem gives us true redemption.

I am amazed every day by my wife Dina, I don't know what keeps her going. The struggle to take care of the family and being there for me. It used to be burning the wick at both ends, but now there is no more fuse. I always wonder how she does it, but now I think she is the real thing, a Jewish mother, unbreakable and with an open connection to Hashem.

I think we have already suffered enough, Hashem please send Moshiach.

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