

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM RABBI YITZI

PARSHAS TZAV

Getting Out of Your Head

In this week's Parsha, Tzav, the Torah speaks of several different sacrifices that were offered in the Temple. There is one offering that is more special than all the rest, the Korban Toda, the thanksgiving offering. What's unique about this offering is that while other personal offerings, such as sin and guilt sacrifices, will cease to be offered when Moshiach comes, the thanksgiving offering is the only personal offering that will not.

What is unique about the Korban Toda that makes it everlasting?

Moshiach will usher in an era when G-dliness will permeate our lives openly. Sinning, death, sickness etc., will cease to exist. With no sinning, the sin offering becomes obsolete. The same applies to the guilt offerings.

The Toda, on the other hand, will continue. Toda means thanks. However, taking a deeper look at the word, we find that its root is the same as Modeh, to admit. Admission is a validation of the other. And in a way, that is what giving thanks is all about, recognizing the other.

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COME A
TIME WHEN
PRAYER WON'T
BE ABOUT
REPENTANCE
OR BESEECHING,
BUT ABOUT
GRATITUDE FOR
ALL THE GOOD
G-D HAS DONE.**

In a way, you can say that when Moshiach comes, we will finally get out of our heads. We will have no problems, no pain, and no suffering to focus on. When you think about yourself, there is no room for joy or anyone else, as your problems take over your every thought. However, if you could find a way to focus on others, you will feel joy, a taste of Moshiach.

This is why the Toda will go on. We will recognize

Hashem's hand in our success, good health, safety, and nachas.

I love when I get visitors, because when I am alone, I start thinking about myself, and like everyone else, I

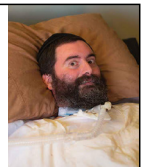
have things that bother me, that are totally out of my control. When I get visitors, my focus is on them. The same is true when I write these Dvar Torahs, it makes me focus on others, and it gets me out of thinking about myself.

It is my hope that Moshiach will come soon, and all suffering and pain will end.

Sometimes Purim falls in the week of Parshas Tzav. How does this connect to Purim?

The essence of Purim is about getting out of yourself. The mitzvahs of Purim, get you out of thinking about yourself. First, sending gifts of food to a friend, then by giving gifts of money to the poor, and finally, by having a meal, where getting drunk is mandatory. It is all about getting out of yourself. By transcending yourself, you come to a place where there are no problems, and joy begins. We should have Purim more often.

Despite facing one of life's most difficult challenges, Rabbi Yitzi Hurwitz continues to spread joy and faith to thousands around the globe. Diagnosed in 2012 with ALS, Rabbi Yitzi is now 95% paralyzed and no longer able to speak or breath on his own. Thanks to the miracle of technology, Rabbi Yitzi continues to spread his wisdom through his eyes, focusing on each and every letter of these Torah articles. Rabbi Yitzi, his wife Dina and their seven children are the Rebbe's Shluchim to Temecula, California.



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- Naomi G., Valley Glen, CA

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