

# WORDS OF WISDOM FROM RABBI YITZI

לרפואה שלימה ליוסף יצחק בן ברכה

## PARSHAT PINCHAS

### Strength Through Dark Times

In this week's parsha, Pinchas, we read about the regular sacrifices brought on the Temple altar. There were daily, Shabbat, new month, and festival offerings.

Every day two yearling lambs were brought as "constant burnt offerings." "The first you should do in the morning, and the second you should do in the afternoon."

What is the significance of bringing one in the "morning" and one in the "afternoon?" What lessons could we take from this constant burnt offering for our relationship with Hashem and for our personal relationships?

The Hebrew word for sacrifice is korban which comes from the word karov , close. The idea here is to bring yourself closer, to strengthen your connection with Hashem.

This must be "constant." Hashem wants us to work on developing our relationship with Him every day.

How do you get closer to Hashem? By being a "burnt offering." Burnt offerings were unique. Whereas by other sacrifices, only parts were burnt on the altar, the burnt offering was entirely consumed. Hashem wants us to give our total self to him. To be open and vulnerable and to allow our entire self to be consumed, becoming one with Hashem.

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"Morning" is symbolic of the good times when the light of Hashem shines bright. At these times, things are easy; there are no obstacles to overcome. "Afternoon" is the hard times, when the sun is going down, and obstacles make Hashem seem distant. Even in these dark times of exile, we need to come closer. The darker it is, the greater the effort we need to give to connect. The bond we forge in these dark times is beyond anything we could have created in times of light.

Ultimately the light will return, but because of the closeness we have developed, the light will be greater

than anything we could have imagined.

The same is true for personal relationships. To get closer, you must be "constant." You must work on your relationship every day. Give your entire self to your other, allowing yourself to be open and vulnerable. This is easy when things are fine. However, it is the persistence and effort in times of difficulty that will take your relationship to a whole new level. Deeper, stronger, and more wonderful than anything you could have imagined.

Struggling with ALS has been a tremendous strain on my family, especially on my wife. Nevertheless, it has brought us closer as a family and as a couple. And for that, I am thankful.

*Dedicated to my wife Dina, whose strength, kindness, and love have been the glue that holds our family together, a true Aishes Chayil.*

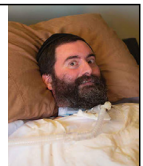
*"Dear Rabbi Yitzi,*

*I came across your post where you said to "still trust in G-d" and that this is what helps you in your faith and love of G-d. I found it very powerful! Thank you, Rabbi Yitzi. May God continue to speak through you!"*

- Nathaniel B, Baltimore

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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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