

Nourishment for the Neshama

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Parshas Korach - Hashem's Kallah did WHAT?

When we read Parsha Korach, who amongst us is not horrified at what seems from our perspective to be such an incredibly futile rebellion against Moshe and Aharon?

Yet as we look in horror at what seems to us to be such an obvious and glaring fault, we must understand something very important.

There is only one soul of Klal Yisrael. Klal Yisrael then and now is Hashem's Kallah. We today, in our times, and they then, in their times, all one soul. THEY ARE US and WE ARE THEY.

How many times a day do we consider our emotional reactions stemming from insult to our honor or from a sense of not having something we feel entitled to or rightly belonging to us? Be honest! I am guessing that it is at least once an hour, if not once a minute or even our materialistic, gashmius tendencies as we travel through life.

The beauty of understanding that we, Hashem's Kallah, Klal Yisrael today, are the same soul as Klal Yisrael then is that it empowers us to do teshuva not only for our failings in the small or large ways we struggle each day with resisting hurtful actions when we feel our honor is at stake, but we can also ask Hashem to consider our teshuvah in this regard as a benefit for Klal Yisrael, now and then. We cannot underestimate our role in this.

Korach was a learned person but yet he was not internally able to discern how envy, passion and the desire for honor can skew a person's thinking. These three are built into the subconscious, and it takes a concerted effort to choose to recognize one's thoughts in order to consistently spot how our subconscious can generate in us painful negative feelings of lack and hurt that become ill motives sounding important. There is not one of us who can say otherwise.

Thus, it is incumbent upon us, Hashem's Kallah today, to at least approach the matter. We must immediately stop rubbernecking negative occurrences that cause our thoughts to be brought into lowliness. Instead, we have the option to choose to remember that there is only the simple unity of Hashem in this world and that we are here to daven for each other, for forgiveness for ourselves and for each of us.

Rabbi Nivin teaches us, www.newchabura.com, to constantly live with the inspiration, "what is my next step in avodas Hashem"? One simple line, with a commitment to hunt for the knowledge of Hashem in this world, helps us to live with the emunah we need to not be afraid regardless of what appears before our eyes. As long as we are committed to doing what is pleasing in the eyes of Hashem, with all our hearts, souls and might, we are fulfilling His expectation of His Kallah.

May the story of Korach not appear to anyone as many thousands of years ago, but rather may it be a wake up call to hunt in our subconscious for where the strength of our soul attaches to the taunts that the yetzer hara shouts at us when circumstances trigger a sense of lack.

And may our efforts bring success today and be a teshuva for all Klal Yisrael and may we be redeemed speedily!