SCHEDULE

שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos

7:00 PM

Shacharis-Followed by Kiddush 8:30 AM

Sof Zman K"S- 9:23 גר"א ≤ 8:47 מ"א אור"

Pirkei Avos-

7:40 PM

~Guest Speaker: R' Motty Rabinowitz

Mincha- Followed by Shalosh Seudos

8:10 PM

~Guest Speaker: R' Dani Kermaier

Maariv

9:21 PM

Sunday

Shacharis

8:30 AM

No Shiur This Week

Mincha / Maariv

8:20 PM

Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

Shacharis

Monday, Thursday

6:40 AM

Tues, Wed, Fri

6:45 AM

Mincha (Mon-Thur)

1:45 PM

Mincha / Maariy

8:20 PM

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Fill 'er Up!

In Tehillim (106,26-27), Dovid HaMelech recounts how as a result of the nor nor nor nor the Spies, Hashem lifted His hand to cast them down in the wilderness, חטא המרגלים, and to cast down their descendants among the nations and to scatter them among the lands.

We bemoan this reality each Tisha B'Av, the "anniversary" of this sin, still mourning over the dire effects of this misdeed.

Fascinatingly, nowhere in our portion is this consequence indicated! The Torah refers to their having been sentenced to a forty year sojourn in the desert before they will enter the land, but nary a word about any future exiles! How do we reconcile this glaring omission?

After Moshe intercedes and successfully beseeches Hashem to withhold eradicating the Jewish people lest the nations of the world claim that, Hashem lacked the ability to bring His people to the Land that He had sworn to give them (דברים יד, טו), Hashem goes on to proclaim, סלחתי כדבריך (שם שם כו, I have forgiven because of your words. Hashem then however adds a caveat by taking a oath, (אם שם כא), But as I live - and the glory of Hashem shall fill the entire world - that all the men who have seen my glory...and have tested Me...if they will see the Land... The statement "and the glory of Hashem shall fill the entire world" seems out of context and unrelated to the oath. Some understand this to mean that "G-d's glory shall fill the entire world" by virtue of their being punished in retribution for this sin.

The Gerrer Rebbe zt"l, the אמרי אמת א offers a novel interpretation. He suggests that this is the first consequence of their sin. They will be cast out and dispersed among the nations so that the diminished glory that resulted from their sin will be rectified by their "spreading the faith" by adhering and representing the "honor of Hashem" with the careful fulfillment of Torah in all regions of the world! By scattering their descendants they will be afforded the opportunity to make up that lost honor by regaining it through their meaningful observance amongst the nations. א מלבים, and the glory of Hashem shall fill the entire world is then synonymous with א ירעותם בארצותם בארצות (see מלבים), and to cast down their descendants among the nations and to scatter them among the lands!

It is not enough to merely suffer the Galus, we must increase כבוד שמים, the honor of Heaven, to be worthy once again to return wholly as a nation to Eretz Yisrael.

Our mission is then to bring about: אי מלא כבוד די את כל הארץ, and the glory of Hashem shall "fill" the entire world. How does one "fill" up with this "high test" fuel?

(אעבדי כלב עקב היתה רוח אחרת עמו וימלא אחרי והביאותיו אל הארץ אשר בא שמה וזרעו יורישנה. (שם שם כד), But My servant Calev, because a different spirit was with him and he filled after Me, I will bring him to the Land to which he came and his descendants will possess it.

Calev was saved from the intentions of the spies because he had a "different spirit" and "filled after Hashem". What did he "fill" and with "what"? Rashi explains that this is a "shortened verse" and it refers to his "filling" his "heart" in the following after Hashem. Why did the Torah omit this?

What is this יירוח אחרת עמויי, that is referenced here? It sounds as if he was "possessed" by a force that was with him?

There are only three personalities that were conferred the title יעבדי משה (במדבר יב, א', My servant, by Hashem, Avraham, (בראשית כו,כד), Moshe, (אברהם עבדי (בראשית כו,כד) and Calev.

Avraham is called אברהם העברי, denoting the fact that he stood in his beliefs isolated בעבר אחד, on one side, against an entire world. He too had a רוח אחרת, a different spirit!

Avraham purchases the Cave of Machpela and the surrounding area in the city of Chevron, (בכסף מלא (בראשית כג,ט, , with its "full" silver. What is implied by "full" silver? The implication is his having paid full price, but that is certainly not the literal translation. In fact this phrase is used solely by the purchase of Chevron by Avraham and Yerushalayim by Dovid HaMelech (דברי הימים א כא, בד) חובר און פון אינו א ביטף מלא (דברי הימים א כא, בד) אינו אינו אינו א ביטף מלא (דברי הימים א כא, ביטף מלא (דברי הימים א ביטף מלא (דברי הימים א ביטף מלא ביטף מלא (דברי הימים א ביטף מלא ביטף מלא (דברי הימים א ביטף מלא

In Sifrei Chassidus (נכסוף (ליקוטי הלכות, חושן משפט, מתנה ד,יא), for the striving for money and material items is the misplaced longing for closeness to Hashem. The Zohar talks of 400 worlds of "כיסופיץ", longing, that await the righteous. This is represented in the 400 silver Shekels that Avraham used in the acquisition of Chevron, בכסף "מלא", full, pure and absolute, pining for connection with the Divine.

The Zohar (ברך ב לא.) teaches that when Calev went to the the Cave of Machpelah with the goal of warding off the evil intentions of the spies, he exhibited a אחרתי, a defiant spirit, going it alone despite the apparent danger. He prostrated himself there not in a mode of prayer, but rather in a demonstration of alliance with the character of the Avos, "הלהתחבר באבות", to be united with the Avos!

When one is "filled" with yearning to follow the will of Hashem, with a רוח אחרת, a determination in the image of אברהם היעבר"י, not allowing the influence of others or any dangers from deterring him in his mission, one then merits to receive the ultimate appellation יעבדיי, as well as the special attention of the אדון, Master!

The Mesech Chochma (במדבר יא,כח), explains that these three among all the righteous that merited to be called "my servant" was due to the fact that they alone never referred to anyone anyone, my master, other than to the Master of the Universe.

We all have many "Masters", our friends, relatives, neighbors, colleagues that influence our decisions. It might be our instincts and inclinations as well that "master" our responses to the call of duty. Sometimes it may be our own insecurities that hold us back from carrying out, in the spirit of "רוח אחרת", that which we truly yearn to do.

The moment we "fill" ourselves with אחרי, following after Hashem exclusively, is the instant when we fulfill יימלא כבוד די את כל הארץ, filling the universe with His Honor!

It is difficult to reach the level on "עבדית" in everything we do, but we must take an inventory and discover at least one area of Avodas Hashem where we "fill" ourselves entirely with a unswerving and pure commitment to Hashem and His will!

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