

TRACTATE AVOT

TEXT: MISHNA 3:3







Rabbi Simeon says:

ַרַבִּי שָׁמְעוֹן אוֹמֵר:

- Three who have eaten at one table and have not said over it words of Torah, indeed are as if they had eaten from the sacrifices of the dead, as it is said: "For all their tables are covered with vomit; there is not a place without filth. (Isa. 28: 8)."
- But three who have eaten at one table and have said over it words of Torah are as if they had eaten from the table of the Holy One blessed is he, as it is said: 'And he said to me, "this is the table which is before the Lord"' (Ezek. 41: 22).
- שְׁלשָׁה שֶׁאָכְלוּ עַל שֻׁלְחָן אֶחָד וְלֹא אָמְרוּ עָלָיו דִּבְרֵי תוֹרָה, כְּאִלּוּ אָכְלוּ מִזְּבְחֵי מַתִּים, שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר (ישעיה כח), כִּי כָּל שֻׁלְחָנוֹת מְלְאוּ קִיא צֹאָה בְּלִי מָקוֹם.
- אֲבָל שְׁלשָׁה שֶׁאֶכְלוּ עַל שֵׁלְחָן אֶחָד וְאָמְרוּ עַלְיוּ דִּבְרֵי תוֹרָה, כְאִלּוּ אָכְלוּ מִשְּׁלְחָנוֹ שֶׁל מָקוֹם בָּרוּךְ הוּא, שֶׁנֶּאֶמַר (יחזקאל מא), וַיְדַבֵּר אֵלַי זֶה הַשִּׁלְחָן אֲשֵׁר לְפָנֵי ה':