TRACTATE AVOT



Text: Mishna 3:6







R. Halafta ben Dosa of Kefar Hananyah says:

רַבִּי חֲלַפְתָּא בֶּן דּוֹסָא אִישׁ כְּפַר חֲנַנְיָה אוֹמר:

- Ten who were sitting {together} and engaging in words of Torah, the divine presence is among them, as it is said: "God stands in the congregation of God (Ps. 82: 1)."
- And whence even five? As it is said: And founded his group on the earth (Amos 9: 6)."
- And whence even three? As it is said: "among the judges he judges (Ps. 82: I)."
- (And) whence even two? As it is said: "Then those who feared the Lord spoke one to an-other. And the Lord hearkened and heard, and a book of remembrance was written before him for the fearers of the Lord and those who think upon his name' (Mal. 3: 16)."
- Whence even one? As it is said: "in every place where I cause my name to be mentioned I will come to you and bless you (Exod. 20: 21)."

- עֲשָׂרָה שֶׁיּוֹשְׁבִין וְעוֹסְקִין בַּתּוֹרָה,
 שְׁכִינָה שְׁרוּיָה בֵינֵיהֶם, שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר
 (תהלים פב), אֱלֹהִים נִצְב בַּעֲדַת אֵל.
- וּמִנַּיִן אֲפָלּוּ חֲמִשָּׁה, שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר (עמוס ט), וַאַגַדָּתוֹ עַל אֵרֵץ יִסְדָה.
- וּמִנַּיִן אֲפָלוּ שְׁלֹשָׁה, שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר (תהלים
 פב), בַּקְרֵב אֱלֹהִים יִשְׁפֹּט.
- וּמִנַּיִן אָפִלּוּ שְׁנַיִם, שָׁנָּאֶמַר (מלאכי ג), אָז נִדְבָּרוּ יִרְאֵי ה' אִישׁ אֶל רֵעֵהוּ וַיִּקְשֵׁב ה' וַיִּשְׁמָע וְגוֹ'.
- וּמִנַּיִן אֲפִלּוּ אֶחָד, שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר (שמות כ),
 בְּכֶל הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אַזְכִּיר אֶת שְׁמִי
 אָבוֹא אֵלֵיך וּבַרַכְתִּיך: