## **TRACTATE AVOT**



## Text: Mishna 4:1



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Ben Zoma says: בֶּן זוֹמָא אוֹמֵר:

- Who is wise? He who learns from every man, as it is said: "From all my teachers have I got understanding (Ps. 119: 99)."
- אֵיזֶהוּ גִּבּוֹר, הַכּוֹבֵשׁ אֶת יִצְרוֹ, שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר (משלי טז), טוֹב אֶרֶךְ אַפַּיִם מִגִּבּוֹר וּמשֵׁל בְּרוּחוֹ מִלֹּכֵד עִיר.

אָיזֵהוּ חַכֶּם, הַלּוֹמֶד מִכָּל אַדָם,

שַׁנֵּאֱמַר (תהלים קיט), מְכֶּל מְלַמְּדַי

ָהָשָּׁכַּלְתִּי כִּי עֲדַוֹתֵיךְ שִׁיחַה לִי.

- Who is mighty? He who subdues his {evil} inclination, as it is said: "Better to be forbearing than mighty, and to be he that controls his spirit than he who conquers a city (Prov. 16: 32)."
- אַיזֶהוּ עָשִּׁיר הַשָּׁמֵחַ בְּחֶלְקוֹ, שֶׁנָּאֱמַר (תהלים קכח), יְגִיעַ כַּפֶּיךָ כִּי תֹאֹכֵל אַשְׁרֶיךְ וְטוֹב לָךְ. אַשְׁרֶיךְ, בָּעוֹלְם הַזֶּה. וטוֹב לָךְ, לָעוֹלְם הַבָּא.
- Who is rich? He who rejoices with his lot, as it is said: "When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy and it shall be good for you (Ps. 128: 2)." "Happy," in this world.
   "Good for you" in the World to Come.
- אֵיזֶהוּ מְכֻבָּד, הַמְכַבֵּד אֶת הַבְּרִיּוֹת,
  שֶׁנֶּאֶמַר (שמואל א ב), כִּי מְכַבְּדֵי
  אֲכַבֵּד וּבֹזַי יֵקְלוּ:
- Who is honored? He who honors humanity, as it is said: "For those who honor me I honor, but those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed (1 Sam. 2: 30)."