

TRACTATE AVOT

Text: Mishna 4:22



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He used to say: הוּא הָיָה אוֹמֵר:

- The born are to die and the dead to live and the living (after death) to be judged.
- For to know (and) to make known and to have the knowledge that He is the God, He is the maker, He is the creator, He is the discerner, He is the judge, He is the witness, He is the adversary, and he will soon judge.
- הַיִּלּוֹדִים לָמוּת, וְהַמֵּתִים לְהַחְיוֹת, וְהַחַיִּים לְדּוֹן.
- לֵידַע לְהוֹדִיעַ וּלְהוָדַע שֶׁהוּא אֵל, הוּא הַיּוֹצֵר, הוּא הַבּוֹרֵא, הוּא הַמֵּבִין, הוּא הַדַּיָּן, הוּא עֵד, הוּא בַעַל דִּין, וְהוּא עָתִיד לְדוּן.

- Blessed be he. That before Him there is no iniquity, nor forgetfulness, nor respect of persons, nor taking of a bribe; for everything is His.
- And know that everything is in the reckoning.
- And let not your inclination assure you that the nether-world is a sanctuary: for against your will are you made, and against your will are you born, and against your will you live, and against your will you die, and against your will you will soon give account and reckoning before the king of kings of kings, the Holy One, blessed is he.
- בּרוּךְ הוּא, שֶׁאֵין לְפָנִיו לֹא עַוְלָה, וְלֹא שָׁכְחָה, וְלֹא מִשּׂוֹא פָנִים, וְלֹא מִקַּח שׁחַד, שֶׁהַכִּּל שֶׁלוֹ. שׁחַד, שֶׁהַכִּּל שֶׁלוֹ.
 - ּ וְדַע שֶׁהַכֹּל לְפִי הַחֶשְׁבּוֹן.
- וְאַל יַבְטִיחֶךְ יִצְרְךְ שֶׁהַשְּׁאוֹל בֵּית מְנוֹס לְךְ, שֶׁעַל כָּרְחֲךָ אַתָּה נוֹצָר, וְעַל כָּרְחֲךְ אַתָּה נוֹלָד, וְעַל כָּרְחֲךָ אַתָּה חֵי, וְעַל כָּרְחֲךָ אַתָּה מֵת, וְעַל כָּרְחֲךָ אַתָּה עָתִיד לְתֵּן דִּין וְחֶשְׁבּוֹן לִפְנֵי מֶלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים הַקְּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא: