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How the prayer of the righteous turns anger into mercy

Beit Aharon

Beit Aharon teaches that the prayer of tzaddikim turns the attribute of anger into the attribute of mercy, and he links this to Rabbi Yishmael's principle that the Torah is expounded through thirteen attributes, which he reads as a connection: the Torah shebe'al peh (the Oral Torah) joined to G-d. AI SUMMARY

"See, the scent of my son is like the scent of a field that Hashem has blessed." Its meaning: Asher (אשר) is alef, shar, a blessing for the Name Havayah, blessed be He. For alef is chochmah (wisdom), and shin stands for the three lines. That is, love of G-d is drawn down in the line. This is the meaning of the verse "Kavoh kiviti el Hashem vayet elai" ("I waited, I waited for Hashem, and He inclined to me"). That is, the line of G-d: "kiviti el Hashem," namely the chasadim (lovingkindness). "Vayet elai": He should have said "li." Rather, "elai" means alef, li, yirah (awe), that it be in the chasadim.

The prayer of tzaddikim (the righteous) turns the attribute of anger into the attribute of mercy. The reason is that Rabbi Yishmael said, "By thirteen attributes the Torah is expounded." The meaning of "nidreshet" (is expounded) is from the language of connection. That is, G-d said to Moshe that through your doing before Me in this order, I will immediately fill you with mercy. The meaning of "this order" is the world of Asiyah (Action), which is ordered, "if you do before Me," that is, if it rises before G-d, "I will immediately fill you with mercy." For the tzaddik is called "ben ish chai" (the son of a living man). Thus: ish. This is the meaning of "Rabbi Yishmael says: By thirteen attributes the Torah is nidreshet": that is, the Torah shebe'al peh (the Oral Torah), which became connected to G-d.

"And may G-d give you." Its meaning: that the attribute of Elokim should be in your hand. And the reason is "of the dew of heaven": that it will raise it up. And the discerning will understand.

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