

בס"ד
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פרשת נצבים

Midway through this week's Parsha, Moshe says that "Hashem will bring back your exiles, and will have mercy upon you. Hashem will once again gather you from all the nations, where Hashem had dispersed you."¹ The *Kli Yakar*² asks what "ושב" is referring to, and why it is mentioned twice in the same *pasuk*. He explains that **ושב** means "erasure of sins," and adds that the reason for a double mention is that the second "ושב" is discussing a return from exile.

The Chofetz Chaim writes that this *pasuk* is for a future redemption, and it is upon us to hope for the *geulah* every single day. This comes from a famous Gemara in *Shabbos*³ where Rava talks about the questions that a person will be asked when they get up to Heaven, and one of them is "צפית לישועה? - did you wait for salvation?" However, at times, Klal Yisrael is subject to ridicule and mockery by others, and many wonder how it is possible for a nation this low to rise in front of the eyes of all others. The other nations mock us for being **לישועה מצפה**; how could we continue to have hope under such trying circumstances?

Rav Nosson Tzvi Finkel⁴ suggests that it may be the opposite - Hashem is always highlighting our existence with the idea of "מאשפות ירים אביון"⁵ - raising up the needy from the garbage dump. From here, it is evident that we have an obligation to believe in the coming of Mashiach and to hope every single day that it will come. After all, the twelfth of the 13 *Ikkarim* of the Rambam⁶ is "אני מאמין באמונה"⁷ - "I believe with perfect faith in the coming of *Mashiach*; and even though he may delay, nonetheless, I wait every day for his coming". It is up to us to introspect and decide if we are actually awaiting salvation each and every day, even if it may seem that Hashem is delaying.

With *Yom HaDin* right around the corner, it is especially this time of year that we must search within ourselves to find a yearning for *Mashiach* that we need, and it should be in the *zechus* of our spiritual awakening and observation in the idea of *avodas Hashem* that we should be *zocheh* to have Hashem send all of us a *K'siva v'chasima Tova*.

¹ דברים ל:ג

² כלי יקר דברים פרשת נצבים פרק ל

³ שבת לא.

⁴ שיחות רב נתן צבי פרשת נצבים: מאמר "חובת הציפייה לישועה"

⁵ תהילים קיג:ז

⁶ רמב"ם פירוש על המשניות סנהדרין פרק י

⁷ חבוקק ב:ג