

# Sparks of Light

## Torah Portion

### Tetzaveh

Ideas from a lesson delivered on Wednesday

Because of the sale of Yosef, G-d became concealed in the world. <sup>1</sup>

Not all of the Jews did [sinned] with the [Golden] Calf, it was only the *Eirev Rav*. They also kissed the Calf, and anyone who kissed the Calf, his lips turned into gold.

Yisro said, "G-d is greater than all of the gods." Since he left all of the idol worships, they [his opposers] threw all of his daughters into the Nile. And Moshe came and said a holy name and drew them out.

Moshe told them [Yisro's daughters] to tell their fathers that an Egyptians saved them. Had Moshe told them that he is Jewish, he would have been buried in the Land of Israel.

*Mincha* equals the numerical value of "calf." Since through the prayer of *mincha* we rectify the sin of the Calf. Through that which a person stops in the middle of the day and prays *mincha*, he rectifies the sin of the Calf.

It is forbidden for one hair to fall [to kill or even hurt someone] even from the hairs of the nations to the ground.

Moshe said, "And me and your nation will be separated [from all other nations." That there will be miracles and wonderous wonders.<sup>2</sup>

There is a complete Tzadik and there is a Tzadik that is incomplete. Moshe is called a complete Tzadik, and also those accompanying him [are also considered complete Tzadikim].

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<sup>1</sup> The Tzadik is the foundation of the world. This means that G-d reveals himself through the Tzadik.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps, the Rav means that the word "we will be separated-וינפלינו" come from the same root of the word "wonder-פלא." Moshe was requesting from G-d that wonders will be done to the Nation of Israel.

"Your judgment is lofty from him." That even a wicked person who destroyed the Beis Hamikdash, merits in judgment.<sup>3</sup> Because there is a wicked person that the hour "plays for him."

Rabbi Yochanan said in the name of Rashbi, "Anyone who sets aside a place to pray, [the G-d of Avraham helps him." [This means] not to jump from place to place.

All of the lost objects are found at the Tzadik.<sup>4</sup>

Devorah the Prophetess would deliver a Torah lesson every day.

Now miracles and wonders are happening. And all of the women will become pregnant. Today is the 18<sup>th</sup> of Teives, the holy name "ב"י"ן" shines, and all of the women will become pregnant.

Elisha is called "the son of Shafat" because he would do an hour of hisbodidus every day and he would judge himself.<sup>5</sup>

It is forbidden for a bride [perhaps during Sheva Brachos] to walk around for no reason. Only to where the groom takes her and brings her back.

So, it is written that "Elisha the son of Shafot that poured water to Eliyahu." And it is not written that he studied Torah from the mouth of Eliyahu. Rabbi Shimon says [based on this verse] that attending to Tzadikim is greater than the study of the Torah.

And then when he poured water to Eiyahu, his fingers became like overflowing streams and rivers from [his] the ten fingers, rivers and waterfalls came out [from his fingers].

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<sup>3</sup> The Gemara teaches in Tractate Brachos that 7b that at times, a wicked person merits in court even against a righteous person. Therefore, Your judgment is lofty and above comprehension, why do the wicked triumph at times against the righteous ones.

<sup>4</sup> Through sin, a person loses "lost objects." This doesn't mean (only) physical objects, rather spiritual losses. By coming close to the Tzadik, the Tzadik return all of that which he lost. However, Rabbi Nachman teaches that the Tzadik first makes sure that he is not a trickster, I.E. that he genuinely wants to leave his evil ways.

<sup>5</sup> The name "Shafat" is similar to the word judge-שפט. This is an elucidation that Elisha would judge himself every day he is acting accordingly.