

Chagigah Daf 14 is Dedicated

לרפ"ש אריה ליב בן פרומה



הערות של רב יחיאל גרינהויז

CHAGIGAH DAF יד

1. The Gemara quotes the following: דא"ר שמואל בר נחמני א"ר יונתן כל דיבור ודיבור שיוצא מפי הקב"ה; is this referring to בריאת העולם or is this a daily occurrence?
2. The Gemara tells us that the prophet Yeshayahu was very angry at bnei Yisroel and cursed them with 18 different curses. His anger did not subside until he told them the following verse, etc. Wasn't Yeshayahu delivering a prophecy from Hashem, and not expressing his **own** feelings?
3. The נביא says that when they will ask someone to lead them and answer their questions, he will answer that he doesn't have the required knowledge; לא תשימוני קצין וכו', which the gemara explains to mean that they were honest regarding their knowledge of torah. Why is this a curse? Isn't it positive that they were being honest?
4. If the reason why they did not claim to know is because they understood that if they claim to know they will be asked, and immediately have to admit their lie, why is this a positive trait?
5. The Gemara tells a story about Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai who was traveling on a donkey with his student Rabbi Elazar ben Arach. When Rabbi Elazar asked him if he can tell him over something which Rabbi Yochanan had previously taught him he got off the donkey to listen. When asked why he got off the donkey Rabbi Yochanan replied: how can I continue riding when you are discussing מעשה מרכבה and the Shechina as well as the angels are coming to listen. Since Rabbi Yochanan did not know if Rabbi Elazar really understood Maase Merkava, how did he predict that the Shechina and the angels will come to observe?
6. The גמרא tells us that this story happened when they were both traveling. Why is this important in the context of what happened?
7. When asked why he got off the donkey רבי יוחנן בן זכאי replied: how can I continue riding when you are discussing מעשה מרכבה. Would it be appropriate for him to continue riding if they were talking in learning on another topic?

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