



כתובות דף ס"ז

POINTS TO PONDER

1. The Gemara quotes רבי אלעזר ברבי צדוק who said that he saw the daughter of גוריון בן גוריון picking barley from the hoofs of horses. He said that this was a result of כלל ישראל not doing מצות. Since the Gemara only identified what her father did incorrectly, why would she suffer the consequences? We don't see that she herself did anything improper.
2. The Gemara says that if a יתום and a יתומה come and ask for help in getting married, we first help the יתומה and than the יתום. Don't we have to help him first, since he has a מצוה of פרו רבו, while she doesn't?
3. הלל run in-front of the horse of an עני who was used to having a עבד run if front of his horse before he lost him money. Why wasn't הלל concerned about כבוד התורה? If someone would see him it would be a בזיון.
4. When someone came to רבי נחמיה to get צדקה he asked him what he was used to eating and than gave him lentils. Why did he want to know what he was used to, if all that he had to offer was lentils?
5. Further to the above, when this person died, רבי נחמיה said שהרגו נחמיה. Since what he really meant was, that this guy shouldn't have gotten used to rich foods, why did he say that רבי נחמיה killed him? It has nothing to do with the רבי נחמיה he died because he was too dependent on rich foods. Meaning that based on the Gemara's explanation, he should have just said רבי נחמיה at all.
6. The Gemara says that if a needy person doesn't want to take צדקה we offer it to him as a מתנה (gift). If he doesn't want to accept צדקה why would he be more receptive to accepting a gift?
7. The Gemara says that מר עוקבא and his wife run away from the עני, because they did not want to embarrass him. How did they learn this from תמר? In her case she would have embarrassed יהודה with her actions, meaning telling everyone what he did, while here they are not doing anything to embarrass him?

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