

לחיות את הפרשה LIVING THE PARSHA

וַיְדַבֵּר ה' אֶל מֹשֶׁה אַחֲרֵי מוֹת שְׁנֵי בְנֵי אַהֲרֹן בְּקִרְבָּתָם לִפְנֵי ה' וַיִּקְרָא טו, א)

"Hashem spoke to Moshe after the death of Aharon's two sons, when they approached before Hashem, and they died"

"THE GOLDEN PATH"

Every person is obligated to recognize his *nefesh*, its tendencies, and to gradually become acquainted with his *nefesh* more and more! The hidden treasure that he seeks to find in his soul is the שביל הזהב, "The Golden Path" that is particularly his.

IN PRACTICE

When a person finds his personal "Golden Path", he must be cautious not to turn away from it, but he can turn a drop from it!

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The Rambam teaches (Hilchos Deios 1:4): "*Chazal* tell us that a person should choose the middle road... He shouldn't be tight fisted... and he shouldn't squander his money to all, rather he should give *tzaddakah* according to his abilities... He shouldn't laugh and be lightheaded, and he shouldn't be sad, rather he should always be happy, greeting people with a smile..." The Rambam calls this middle road שביל הזהב, the "Golden Path".

The *miforshim* (see Or HaChaim) explain that Aharon's two children died because בְּקִרְבָּתָם לִפְנֵי ה', they came too close to Hashem. They went too far beyond their spiritual level, and their souls weren't able to experience the great revelation.

Each person is on a different level, and therefore, each person has his own individual "Golden Path". One must become acquainted with his *nefesh* until he understands its tendencies. Thereby, he will understand his personal שביל הזהב, "Golden Path" that he should follow.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

When a person knows himself well, he will know his own middle path that he should follow. However, everyone must rise from level to level. Therefore, one must slightly turn away from the middle path to one level higher, until that new level becomes his "Golden Path", his middle road.