

BILVAVI

BUILDING A SANCTUARY IN THE HEART

LIVING THE PARSHA לחיות את הפרשה

DEVARIM 458

וַתַּעֲנוּ וַתֹּאמְרוּ אֵלַי הִטָּאֲנוּ לָהּ וכו' (דברים א, מא)

"Then you raised your voices and said to me,
'We have sinned against Hashem'" (Devarim 1:41)

FAILURE

When one fails in his attempts to serve Hashem, and feels deep remorse and frustration, this becomes a powerful force that inspires him to improve his ways and to recharter his life towards spiritual growth.

IN PRACTICE

His driving force for change will be in accordance to the extent of his remorse over his errors and failures. Thus, regret is the foundation for *teshuvah*. It is the motor that propels a person towards *teshuvah* and genuine change.

EXPANDED BASED ON EDITORS UNDERSTANDING

PERSON'S TRAVEL

Those who sincerely desire to succeed in *avodas* Hashem will often suffer great disappointments. A person who eagerly desires to *daven* with *kavanah*, or to study well, or to improve his *middos*, etc., when he fails, he often feels broken and disappointed. The pain of failure can be unbearable. But this can be a good thing. He can utilize his remorse to do better the next time. Thus, the very fall itself becomes the foundation of his ascent.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

When a person experiences the remorseful feelings that come along with failure, he is now at a threshold, and there are two paths before him. He might tell himself, "You see, you really aren't good. You proved it to yourself again. You will never get it right." If he thinks in this manner, he will probably fail the next time as well because he has lost hope in himself.

However, a wise person will take his deepest feelings of regret and use them as a catalyst for growth. He will say to himself, "Look at how upset you are. Failing really bothers you. What can you do to improve, so this won't reoccur?" When one thinks in this manner, there is hope. When the remorse is intense, it catalyzes him to truly improve his ways.

ORIGINAL HEBREW
SHIURIM, TRANSCRIPTS,
TRANSLATIONS AT
WWW.BILVAVI.NET

subscribe:
bilvavi231@gmail.com

LISTEN TO BILVAVI
ON KOL HALASHON
ISRAEL 073.295.1245
USA 605.313.6660

translated & edited by talmidim