

*You should be aware of a great principle. Which is that in truth Hashem does not ever turn away from the effort of His hands (people) G-d forbid and he does not leave this world alone, rather when it seems He has forsaken the world the opposite is true, He is creating good for His world and His wonders and thoughts are constantly and solely to better the world, not to ruin it. However, He hides His plans greatly and then the world seems forsaken and people suffer the punishment of their sins. And so Chazal said regarding Yaakov Avinu: “And Yisroel said why have you harmed me.” Yaakov Avinu never uttered a word in vain other than here. Hashem said: “I’m busy crowning his son as a ruler and he says why have you harmed me?!” Regarding this the pasuk says: “[Why do you say, O Jacob, Why declare, O Israel,] “My way is hidden from Hashem, [My cause is ignored by my G-d”? Do you not know? Have you not heard? Hashem is G-d from of old, Creator of the earth from end to end, He never grows faint or weary, His wisdom cannot be fathomed. He gives strength to the weary, Fresh vigor to the spent...But they who trust in Hashem shall renew their strength.]” For all the while Yaakov was suffering over Yosef’s separation from him Hashem was setting in motion the rule of Yosef and the sustaining of Yaakov in peace. However, since this was a hidden plan, Yaakov suffered. **From here we learn that every time Hashem wishes to bestow greater good upon an individual or the world at large, it only comes through the depths of a hidden plan and therefore he will suffer prior to it.** This is similar to what Chazal say: It was taught in a braysa with regard to affliction: Rabbi Shimon ben Yochai says: The Holy One, Blessed be He, gave Israel three precious gifts, all of which were given only by means of suffering. (Ramchal, Da’as Tevunos 187)*

The next time it looks as if *chas v’shalom* Hashem has left let us and we begin to think: Why have You forsaken me. Let Hashem’s response to Yaakov resonate in our ears: “I’m busy orchestrating events in your favor and you say, ‘why have you forsaken me?’ Your suffering itself is the surest sign of My preparation of your salvation!”

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