

***Who is assured of a place in the World-to-Come? It is one who juxtaposes the blessing of redemption, recited after Shema, to the evening prayer. (Brachos 4b)***

“Does it make sense that for simply juxtaposing the blessing of redemption to the prayer he should get the great reward of *Olam Haba*? The answer is that when one mentions the redemption from Egypt and immediately prays, he shows that he has *Bitachon* in Hashem with his prayer for he asks of Him his needs, for one who doesn’t have *Bitachon* in Him doesn’t ask of Him anything....and since he now mentions that redemption from Egypt where *Klal Yisroel* had *Bitachon* in Hashem and He saved them and immediately prays, he shows that he too has *Bitachon* that Hashem will answer him just as he answered *Klal Yisroel* because they trusted in Him, for this reason he mentions that redemption and immediately prays. And since *Bitachon* is the core of the fear of Heaven and *Emunah* therefore through it he merits *Olam Haba*.” (Rabbeinu Yonah ibid.)

It is interesting to note how these words of *Rabbeinu Yonah* echo those of the *Ramchal* we mentioned last week:

“One who has *Bitachon* even if he enters *Gehinom* he exits... numerous heavenly angles raise him up... and depart with him upwards... One who has *Bitachon* literally breaks through with his *Bitachon* and creates a hole and crack enabling him to go up under Hashem’s throne... Just as he had *Bitachon* during his lifetime so too afterwards, when the forces of judgment begin to overwhelm him, he strengthens his *Bitachon* in Hashem and becomes attached to Him...”

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