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[Part 2]

## Chaburah 14 – Mesilas Yesharim, Perek 18

Today we learn any amazing idea, so important to know.

Question that was left unanswered: We learned that we need to become close to Hashem and similar to Him in essence so that we could become like one, and then be able to receive from all the Good that's "located" in Him. But how exactly does that look? How do we "become one with Him"? Wouldn't we just go out of existence?

Gemara Brachos 17a: "Fortunate is the one who grew [during his lifetime] in Torah, and his toil was in Torah, **and he brings *nachas ruach* to his Creator**, who grew up with a good name and who was *niftar* with a good name from the world".

Since the goal of our lives in this world is to reveal our heartfelt knowledge of Hashem's All-Encompassing Existence and His Benevolence in a world where His Presence is hidden, it makes sense that what we should view as a successful life was one of growing and investing toil in Torah (i.e. to know and internalize Hashem's Wisdom that is revealed in this world more and more), and to live and pass away with a good name among the inhabitants of the world. But what is the addition of the quality of "and he brings *nachas ruach* to his Creator"? Why would that have such key importance?

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Conclusion: Our life is not only about "doing" something for Hashem. Our life is about building a Positive and Mutual RELATIONSHIP with the Creator of the World.

The way become "one with Hashem", is by making that **relationship**, the closest that we possibly can.

Chabura Axioms:

Words: Is this what the Mesilas Yesharim is saying?

Understandable: Is this goal something that can be understood and related to even by the most simple of *neshamos* among our nation?

Context: Does this goal - to build the closest *relationship* with the Creator that is possible for us during our lives - fit with everything else that we've learned?

[Additional point: The goal of our work in this world, becomes itself the actual reward that we receive (Da'as Tvunos, ois 14 – see Mekor 3).]