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Chaburah 15 – Mishnas Chassidim 1-1, Yeshayahu 62-5, Bava Basra 99a

In the previous Chaburah we learned that our Avodah (=work for Hashem) in this world is not only about “doing” the task that He wants us to do for Him (=revealing His Presence in this hidden world), but also about building a Relationship with Him (=that gives Him *nachas ruach*).

To tie this in with the previous Chaburahs:

Point 1: When we talk about building a Relationship with Hashem, it cannot be that we are talking about “Level 1” – a level that have no grasp of whatsoever. It must be that we are talking about “Level 2” – the Reality that Hashem created for us to be able to relate to Him. **And so we always need from now on to concentrate on building the Relationship between “Level 3”** (the level of our reality) **and “Level 2”** (the level that Hashem gave us to relate to Him “as if” it’s Him) – while all the time knowing deep down that Hashem Himself is really much greater than the level - of “The Framework of G-dly Traits” - that we are relating to.

Point 2: It comes out that we have **two “tracks” to focus on simultaneously** as we connect “Level 3” to “Level 2” throughout our lives: 1) **“Doing” what Hashem sends us down here to do** (=to reveal His Achdus through our heartfelt knowledge that is expressed in our actions, that He is in Total Control in every situation that may ever occur throughout our lives); and 2) **Building a Positive and Mutual Relationship with Him** – one that brings us as close to Him as possible.

In today’s Chabura we wish to discover *what type of relationship* does that closest relationship look like?

Introduction: Every relationship that exists in the world is truly just an example (a “*mashal*”) to understand how we should build our Relationship with Hashem.

Source: Mishnas Chassidim, Heichal Alef, Perek Alef

The varying levels of close relationships that exist in the world, are really *meshalim* (“metaphors”) to exemplify how our relationship should be with Hashem.

Source: Shemos Rabbah 52 – 5

Ultimately, the Relationship that we want to reach when investing ourselves and our feelings in building with Hashem, is that Relationship that reaches the greatest level of closeness known to man: the relationship between a husband and wife.

Sources: Rashi - Shemos 19-17 from Mechilta, Yeshayahu 62-5, Bava Basra 99a

Acquaintance>Friend>Distant Relative>Close Relative>Sibling>Parent> Spouse