

Chaburah 2 – Derech Hashem – Chelek Alef, Perek 2

To summarize the Yesodos in Hashkafa that we've learnt recently:

- The world was created solely for the purpose of Giving Good to the created beings. (Derech Hashem).
- The reason that Hashem created the world is because "it is the nature of Good, to give of that Good" (KL"CH Pischei Chochma).

The obvious question is: So why can't Hashem just Give me that Good? Why do we have to go through all of "this world" things – which often are clearly not very good?

Ois Alef in this Perek, is divided into four parts:

1. The Goal of all creation, is for Hashem to Give Good to the created beings.
2. The Good that Hashem wants to give, is the Ultimate Level of Good.
3. That Good is "located" "inside of Him"; therefore, the "giving over" of the Good needs to take place by means of the created beings "cleaving" to Hashem.
4. To summarize, the intent of Hashem in creation is to create beings to take pleasure in that same Good [and Pleasure] that He has in the form that it is possible for them to benefit from it.

Hearos:

Paragraph 2: If Hashem "went through all this toil" (so-to-speak) in order to give you the "Ultimate Pleasure" rather than just "regular" pleasure – how does that make you feel about Him?

Paragraph 3:

Since Hashem "wants to share" 'His Own Pleasure' with us, He has given us the opportunity to "cleave" – i.e. "to become one" – with Him. How do we "become one" with Hashem?

Iyun 1: Is this goal (Easily) UNDERSTANDABLE?

Iyun 2: Does the WORDING such as "Good" "D'vaikus" "Pleasure" mean the same thing today as they meant when the Torah was given over 3300 years ago?

Iyun 3: CONTEXT – Does the description of this process make sense with everything we've learned about up until now?