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Chaburah 32 – Rambam Shemoneh Perakim, Perek 8 and Perek 4

In the previous Chabura, we were left with a question: Although Tikun Hamiddos is a very important Avodah in Avodas Hashem - and according to the Gr" A z"l it is actually the most important Avodah in Avodas Hashem - and so therefore that is certainly something difficult that Hashem has sent us down to do for Him in this world; yet where does it fit with Torah and Mitzvos that is clearly part of our Avodah to do in this world?

Source: Rambam Shemoneh Perakim, Perek 8

The Rambam explains how everyone in the world, no matter with what natural middos he is gifted with, is born with some middos that are off-center and have a leaning toward one of the extremes. Since, as we have learned, every extreme is "bad" and only the middle-most point is really "good", it comes out that everyone in the world is going to have to do this Avodah of Tikun Hamiddos. No one is exempt.

Why would Hashem have made this specific issue the challenge of everyone in the world?

Source: Rambam Shemoneh Perakim, Perek 4

While the Rambam is explaining the concept of the middle-point that one must aim for in regard to every Middah, he points out that this is really the hidden reason behind *all the Mitzvos of the Torah*. The goal that Hashem Wants of us to reach in regard to our Avodah of Him in this world, is to come to a place where all of our actions emanate from internal Middos that we have trained to always desire the middle and "balanced" way. This takes work, since, as we learned, no one is already born this way. In order to help us toward our goal, Hashem has given us the Mitzvos, whose individual and collective direction is to always train us to act according to the balance of each situation.

It comes out: That the goal that Hashem has set for us to work toward in our lives in this world, is to consistently perform balanced acts, to the point that we ourselves - internally, in our character traits - become balanced individuals in essence. *That* is the way we reveal our heart- knowledge that Hashem's Presence is in the world, and *that* is the specific way that we build the closest Positive and Mutual Relationship with Him.

By becoming balanced individuals we become more "like Hashem" [and thus "closer" to Him]; and we reveal Hashem's Presence in the world since the cover-up of the world is essentially how its different parts do not seem to work in any sort of unison or as if they are leading to any sort of unified message. Through living a balanced life, every Yid [individually, and collectively] reveals how everything in the world is united and focused toward one unified purpose that reveals the Reality of the One Creator of All to the eyes of everyone in the world.

Reaching the Balance in all parts of our lives, although never emphasized in the Torah explicitly, is the underlying goal behind all of Torah and Mitzvos and all of our Avodas Hashem.

It is "Maintaining the Balance" in every area of our lives that we need most to be focused on daily, in order to successfully achieve all the goals of our lives in this world.