

Peace Now!

<mark>רמב"ם</mark> הלכות מלכים פי"ב, ה"ד-ה'

The Chachamim and the Nevi'im did not yearn for the days of Moshiach in order to have dominion over the entire world, to rule over the gentiles, to be exalted by the nations, or to eat, drink, and celebrate. Rather, they desired to be free to involve themselves in Torah and its wisdom without any pressures or disturbances, so that they would merit the world to come, as we explained in Hilchos Teshuvah.

In that era, there will be neither famine nor war, envy nor competition, for good will flow in abundance and all the delights will be freely available as dust. The occupation of the entire world will be solely to know Hashem.

Therefore, the Jews will be great sages and know the hidden matters, grasping the knowledge of their Creator according to the full extent of human potential, as stated: "The world will be filled with the knowledge of Hashem as the waters cover the ocean bed."

לֹא נְתְאַוּ הַחֲכָּמִים וְהַנְּבִיאִים יְמוֹת הַמְּשִׁיחַ. לֹא כְּדֵי שָׁיִּשְׁלְטוּ עַל כָּל הָעוֹלָם. וְלֹא כְּדֵי שָׁיִּרְהוּ בָּעַכּוּ"ם. וְלֹא כְּדֵי שֶׁיְנַשְּׁאוּ אוֹתָם הָעַמִּים. וְלֹא כְּדֵי לֶאֶכל וְלִשְׁתּוֹת וְלִשְׁמֹחַ. אֶלָּא כְּדֵי שָׁיִּהְיוּ בְּנוֹיִן בַּתוֹרָה וְחָכְמָתָה. וְלֹא יִהְיֶה לָהֶם נוֹגֵשׁ וּמְבַמֵּל. כְּדֵי שֶׁיִּזְכּוּ לְחַיֵּי הָעוֹלָם הַבָּא. כְּמוֹ שֶׁבַּאַרְנוּ בְּהִלְכוֹת הְשׁוּבָה:

וּבְאוֹתוֹ הַזְּמֵן לֹא יִהְיֶה שָׁם לֹא רָעָב וְלֹא מִלְּחָמָה. וְלֹא קּנְאָה וְתַחֵרוּת. שֶׁהַטוֹבָה תִּהְיֶה מֻשְׁפַּעַת הַרְבֵּה. וְכָל הַמַּעֲדַנִּים מְצוּיִין כֶּעָפָר. וְלֹא יִהְיֶה עֵסֶק כָּל הָעוֹלֶם אֶלָּא לָדַעַת אֶת ה' בִּלְבַד. וּלְפִיכָּך יִהְיוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל חֲבָמִים גְּדוֹלִים וְיוֹדְעִים דְּבָרִים הַפְּתוּמִים וְיַשִּׁיגוּ דַּעַת בּוֹרְאָם כְּפִי כֹּחַ הָאָדָם. שֶׁנֶּאֱמֵר (ישעיה יא, ט) "כִּי מַלְאָה הָאָרֶץ דֵּעָה אֶת ה' כַּמֵּיִם לַיָּם מְכַפִּים":





לזכות החיילת בצבאות ה' **חי' מושקא** תחי' לרגל יום הולדתה י' תמוז ה'תשפ"א נדפס ע"י הוריה

נדפס ע"י הוריה הרה"ת ר' מנחם מענדל וזוגתו מרת דבורה לאה שיחיו טרייטעל

The Rambam concludes the Mishneh Torah by describing the times of Moshiach, how there will be no wars and no jealousy, etc. He explains that the goal of all the benefits of those times will be so that Yidden can spend their time peacefully and undisturbed, acquiring the knowledge of Hashem.

As all aspects of Moshiach depend on our deeds right now, so too does this Messianic state of the world depend on our work. Our current actions need to be such that directly correlate with the reality of Moshiach's times. When Moshiach comes, the nations of the world will be at peace with no envy or jealousy, which means that the times of Moshiach will not just benefit Jews, it will benefit all of mankind.

The nations will not only benefit physically, they will benefit spiritually as well. When Moshiach comes, all nations of the world will be fully devoted to serving Hashem. They will have the *sheva mitzvos b'nei Noach* to fulfill and be able to do so without distractions.

It is our duty as Yidden to explain to all people of the world how great it will be for them to be able to serve Hashem and fulfill their mitzvos without disruption of war, hate and jealousy. To appreciate such a time, one does not need to be a great intellectual.

By getting them to look forward to such times, it will lead to them trying to live in a "Moshiachdike" way of peace and harmony with each other (and with the Jews) in the final days of galus, which in turn will hasten the coming of Moshiach בקרוב ממש.

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