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BLESSED CHARITY



A Jew once poured out his anguished heart to the Baal Shem Tov, begging that he pray and intercede on his behalf for a certain trouble he had.

The Baal Shem Tov loved every Jew to the point of self-sacrifice, so he was pained by this man's distress. However, he saw with heavenly foresight that he would not be able to help him.

So he took down a Gemara from the bookcase and opened it, and on the page that presented itself he read: "Whoever received a mere copper coin from Iyov would be blessed"¹ — because Iyov's endeavors in tzedakah were granted success.

From the fact that by *hashgacha pratis* this particular volume opened up at this particular place, the Baal Shem Tov understood that through this teaching the troubled Jew would find relief from his suffering.

He meditated deeply on what the heavenly message here could be, until he eventually came up with the answer.

In the city of Brody there lived a scholarly and charitable

individual named Reb Shabsai Meir. His only requests of Hashem were that his tzedakah be blessed with success, that he should give his donations wholeheartedly, and that they should bring their recipients relief and blessing.

Despite his riches, he barely renovated his house, but left it as it was when he was an ordinary householder. By contrast, his contributions to tzedakah, many of which were given anonymously, constantly grew.

His request that his tzedakah should bring blessing upon the recipient, remained unchanged, and the Heavenly Court ruled that he deserved to have his request fulfilled.

After the Baal Shem Tov recalled Reb Shabsai Meir, he clearly understood that it was from Heaven that he had been prompted to take down the Gemara, and it was the work of Heaven that he open up this particular volume and chance upon this exact teaching — all in order that he would recall Reb Shabsai Meir.

Since the Baal Shem Tov knew what the Heavenly Court had ruled, it was now clear to him that it was through Reb Shabsai Meir that this Jew would find relief from his troubles.

The Baal Shem Tov advised him to travel to Brody, where the hospitable Reb Shabsai Meir would surely invite him for Shabbos. Then, when thanking his host before leaving Brody, he should request his blessing that he should be helped from Above through the host's tzedakah.

Once arriving in Brody, the Jew found that he was one of many guests at the table, all of whom were served generously of the finest delicacies.

On Sunday, before he left, he did exactly as he had been instructed by the Baal Shem Tov. Reb Shabsai Meir's wholehearted blessing was accepted Above, and the Jew was relieved of his suffering. **T**

(*Sefer Hasichos 5701*, p. 39)

1. Bava Basra 15b