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Kosher Torz What: Heaven: Loves, Orah.com The Power In Our Hands

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Wishful thinking can lead to wasteful loss. Real planning is the prerequisite for real action.

Heaven judges matters of real importance. Heaven despises one who purposely does not distinguish between the real important, and that which is not. One who chooses valueless things cannot blame any other when he ends up poor and destitute Kosher Torah.com

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Just thinking and believing is never enough. In the World of Action, the Presence of God is only revealed through proper action. It is not enough to be sorry for doing wrong. One must commit oneself to do what is right, to make restitution for what has been done wrong, and then build and create that which is good.

There are no magic tricks. There are no special prayers or ritual ceremonies. All these are performances. Heaven is not impressed with ritual performances, rather Heaven is impressed with unrehearsed, proper, righteous human behavior.

One can fast, but fasting does not impress Heaven. One can cry, but crying does not impress Heaven. One must act with resolve and discipline, to change wrong behavior, and turn it into right behavior.

Heaven is impressed with real, authentic and permanent change. But change must be for the better! And Heaven knows who is sincere, and who is a hypocrite. Heaven knows who is really trying, and who is a just a lazy so-and-so. Heaven already knows who is blessed, and Heaven already knows who is cursed. Blessing and curse are always in our own hands.

Racists and chauvinists are cursed by Heaven. Anyone who thinks they are inherently better than anyone else is cursed by Heaven. Heaven has made each of us different, and therefore. each of us has our job to perform, and our destiny to fulfill.

The Sabbath cannot boast itself over the six day workweek. Each has its purpose. One cannot, and does not, exist without the other. Each is what it is, and each is not the other. All days and their purposes are created by Heaven. As it is with the individual days, so too is it with individual people. Let the wise understand from what is said here, what is not said here.

We all hope that Heaven will grant us our deepest desires. But why do we think that Heaven will indeed do so? We believe that if we believe, our faith should be sufficient for Heaven. We consider it righteousness to have faith in Heaven. These words are indeed true, but their application has to be understood and implemented properly.

Heaven does not promise to provide for us that which we wish or that which we desire. Heaven does not fulfill our every apparent need. Yet, all the while that Heaven is not giving us that which we think we need, Heaven is providing for us that which we actually do need. What we think we need and what we actually need are very different. Heaven knows the difference.

One who turns one's heart and will to Heaven, and says, "God, not my will, but Your Will be done," such a one is blessed by Heaven. Yet, such a sentiment cannot be expressed just with one's words, instead they have to be one's innermost truth, and desire.

Wake up each morning and let your prayer be, "How may I shine the Light of Heaven this day? How may I today do what is right? May I be an agent of Heaven to shine the Light and do what is right, Amen." Mean this, and Heaven will indeed give you the many opportunities to fulfill this.

Heaven hates the superficial. Heaven loves the true and sincere. We choose to be either superficial or sincere. Our choices decide whether Heaven loves us or not.

When we resolve and commit to be faithful to Heaven, Heaven in turn commits, and is faithful, to us. This is called the being inscribed in the Book of Life.

Heaven desires for us to live, but we are the ones who must choose life. If we in turn choose death, Heaven allows us our choice, and holds us accountable for making it. We cannot avoid the consequences of our chosen actions. Heaven does not intervene to lift us up out of the holes that we ourselves have dug.

If we cry out to Heaven in true sincerity, Heaven will provide us the opportunities to help ourselves, but we must not fail to take advantage of the opportunities given to us by Heaven.

Heaven understands that we may be blind to that which is right in front of us. Heaven will help the blind to see. But Heaven despises the one who has eyes, but refuses to see. Such a one Heaven allows to stumble and to face the consequences of their self-imposed blindness.

Seek inner transformation. Become a better person. We are all on Earth together for a purpose. Each of us will one day stand before the Heavenly Tribunal and be asked one simple question, "why did you not live up to that potential which Heaven gave you inherently." Woe to us on such a Judgment Day. What answer can we possibly offer as to why we did not live up to our best potentials?

Now is the time to contemplate these things, and to make whatever necessary changes, each of us has to make.

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Heaven is watching. Heaven is listening. Heaven is waiting.

Do not keep Heaven waiting for too long, the Gates above do not stay open forever.

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When we are with Heaven, Heaven is with us. When we stand in opposition to Heaven, Heaven stands in opposition to us. We never imagined that we have so much power in our hands and that our choices mean so very much!