



UNPACKING TISHREI'S BLESSINGS

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We always begin with a blessing; in any situation, we should begin with a blessing for every Jew and the entire Jewish people.

Even when we are saying farewell, and we are parting, – at least for the time being, since we will soon be reunited with Moshiach's arrival. So especially now, when we are parting, albeit temporarily, it is even better and it accomplishes even more, to give additional blessings aside from the ordinary blessings every Jew wishes another.

When people part, those whom you encountered remain in your thoughts – especially as we were together for the month of Tishrei and we spent the Days of Awe together and we were together for the Days of Joy, when we gathered in the same Sukkah, and we joined together for the joy of Simchat Torah, and Shabbat Bereishit, which followed directly. And from this beginning, the unity carries into the entire year.

In addition, since every Jew grows daily in all areas of Judaism and goodness, they become stronger, livelier, and more Jewish – all in a brighter way; we grow in each of these areas from day to day and from hour to hour.

So especially when we gather to bid farewell, we state that the farewell and the departure – this parting – should cause an increase in all areas of goodness and Judaism.

Moreover, there is the "primary principle of the Torah" to "love your fellow as yourself" – to help each and every Jew, in every way possible.

This elicits even more of G-d's blessings; when G-d sees that Jews are united, it gives our Father in Heaven the greatest pleasure.

The Alter Rebbe explained, and my father-in-law, the Rebbe said and instructed to print, that G-d takes the greatest pleasure in seeing Jews united.

Although they are spread out, with different pursuits, different occupations and different interests, and each one has a different mission in the world. Nevertheless, every Jew is "united as one" with another Jew – and not just 'as one,' but "as one person with one heart." This unity strengthens the blessings for one's own family, and surely for one's own self.

And as mentioned last Shabbos at length, the verse "Noach Noach, – tranquility, tranquility," two times – the Jew has spiritual tranquility and physical tranquility, both for the soul and the body, spiritually and physically, in our own matters, and in everything we do for others.



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We see in human nature: When a person has spiritual and physical fulfillment, they do everything with more feeling, more dedication, and more success; even more so the Jewish people, each of whom are called "G-d's children," and are each called a member of "a nation of righteous." Coming from the month of Tishrei, when, as my father-in-law, the Rebbe said, every Jew begins "to unpack their bags" of everything they received during the month, from G-d's "full, open, holy, and broad hand," all spiritual and physical good.

So, as we come from Tishrei, we 'unpack,' and set every blessing and every good thing in its proper place, in a way that G-d's blessings and goodness can have the maximum effect.

As mentioned, "tranquility, tranquility" – with tranquility of the soul and tranquility of the body.

Therefore, surely G-d gives "children, health, and sustenance in abundance" – in a way that is abundant even compared to abundance.

And this is followed by "Lech Lecha – You shall go;" our 'going out,' our parting, as Chassidut explains: "Lech Lecha – go to yourself." When Avraham, the first Jew, journeyed, it appeared to the Gentiles that he was merely traveling. They saw him go from one place to another, from one land to another, from one city to another.

But the true journey, Chassidut explains, is when a Jew goes to where should go, then he is going "Lecha – to himself." He moves ever closer, deeper, and more in touch with himself, with his inner soul, which "is truly a part of G-d." Obviously, as the verse continues, G-d says, when you 'go to yourself' – with the Chassidic interpretation – you will immediately elicit G-d's blessing for everything you need,

Beginning with "tranquility, tranquility" – all spiritual and all physical good.

