



LIGHT IS MIGHT

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In addition to what we said before, that the same weapon, the Torah, that was given to Moshe our Rebbe, who received it at Sinai, and subsequently passed it on to all future generations; and “the Torah which Moshe commanded us is the heritage of the congregation of Yaakov.” It is passed as an inheritance to every Jewish child, until our generation, this year, and these days of Chanukah, as you have just recited in the Twelve Torah passages.

This same Torah and Mitzvot, which are eternal, will also bring about the eternal victory over the evil inclination, which is also the victory over exile – which will bring Moshiach; and through him the end of exile and beginning of redemption, and the complete redemption.

There is an essential uniqueness in how this battle is fought; this difference is emphasized especially through the Mitzvah of Chanukah.

Chanukah is a victory for the entire Torah and all the “decrees of His will;” so Chanukah’s designated Mitzvah reminds us, it celebrates and makes clear, that this battle, this victory is through kindling lights, through illumination.

This stresses that G-d’s Army does not carry out its battle, and achieve its victory through fighting, G-d forbid, or through unsuitable means or anything inappropriate; rather, they do battle through light, through the “candle of Mitzvot and the light of Torah:” Torah study in a manner that illuminates and guides daily life.

And they carry out the “candle of Mitzvot,” fulfilling Torah’s Mitzvot, which are each compared to a candle.

This is additionally stressed in the days of Chanukah, with the additional Mitzvah of Chanukah candles – a Mitzvah which is about shining light.

And spreading light from our doorways – illuminating the inside of one’s house as well as the outside, “the darkness that covers the earth,” even in this time, during the darkness of exile.

A Jew spreads light in this world, through Judaism, “the candle of Mitzvot and the light of Torah.” When we utilize this light, we need no other methods; through light and through living a luminous life, we are victorious over darkness and all negative things connected with exile and the evil inclination, and we bring the luminous redemption.

A second lesson which Chanukah imparts to each member of Tzivos Hashem and G-d’s entire army: When we carry out G-d’s mission, and when we’re as active in Tzivos Hashem as we should be, we must never be satisfied.



We must “advance in matters of holiness” – we must add more light and clarity through the illumination of Torah and Mitzvot.

As we see in the Mitzvah of the Chanukah lights: Today we lit two lights, even though yesterday we fulfilled the Mitzvah in full by kindling just one flame, with the illumination of one flame.

G-d directs and gives the energy, to everyone in Tzivos Hashem, and to every Jew, to add more light every day to the previous day’s light.

And when one grows another day in age certainly, one must also grow in spreading more light.

And we see this from the Chanukah lights, beginning with the second day: We added an additional candle to yesterday’s lights.

And we know immediately, for Torah teaches us, that tomorrow we must increase, we must add yet another light.

