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Kuntreis K'vod Beis Hashem Issue 1

Free translation B'EH of Sefer K'vod Beis Hashem-Tefillah with permission from publisher – Laws of Shul Respect and Prayer - by Harav A.M. Krauss *Shlita*) email kahanovitch@yahoo.ca to receive in inbox- *Fortunate is he that helps to publish Torah and it is as if he has written a Torah Scroll (Heard from the Rebbe of Lubavitch)*

Mammar 1: *“Why should I be fearful in days of evil, when the injunctions that I trod upon will surround me? (Tehillim 49:6)” - Said Dovid Hamelach: The 613 mitvahs were given to us, both light and severe (kalos u'chamouros), I do not fear the severe ones, because they are severe, rather the light ones, those that people do not pay attention to and throw them under their heels, yet you say be careful (zahir) of the light mitzvahs just as the severe mitzvahs! (Yalkut Shimoni 22:648)*

The holiness of the Synagogue is a lofty mitzvah and those that disdain it...

Based on these words from the *Yalkut* we will meditate and contemplate our ways as to which light *mitzvahs* we need to strengthen in their observance. For in our days, thank G-d, the benches have increased in study halls and the learners and supporters of Torah as well. So too, acts of kindness have increased, and nothing can be more meritorious than those that are stricter than obligated, whether in positive commandments, in all *hiddurim*, or in doing kindness with all heart and soul. And yet, let us examine the current situation, where no day passes that is not more cursed than the previous, G-d spare us. This begs the question, why is there *ketzef* (divine anger) G-d forbid? And this matter requires examination!

From observing the holy work, *Morah Hamikdash*, we see that he that belittles the mitzvah of fear of the synagogue, **to not speak at the time of prayer, is what has caused all of these (curses)**. In earlier generations, this stood as a flag at the top of the mast and they were more careful with this mitzvah! And yet, in our times the wheel has turned dramatically, G-d forbid. We do not even pay attention to this, throw it under our heels, and are disgraceful of it! Yet even if this is a light mitzvah, it is forbidden to cheapen it, as *Dovid Hamelech A"H* said and as cited earlier. How much more so is it forbidden to consider this mitzvah cheap when it is **very severe**, and he that disgraces the synagogue is held accountable!

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Those That Honor the Shul Honor the Holy One Blessed Be He...

See what is written in *Midrash Tanchuma* (Vayigash 6), "The *Rashbi* said, Says *Hakadosh Baruch Hu* to *Bnei Yisroel*: Honor the mitzvahs which are my *shluchim*, and the *shliach* of the *m'shalaich* is like the *m'shalaich* (the messenger is like the sender), that through them is brought down to this world the holiness of above, if you honor them, it is as if you honor me, and **if you disgrace them it is as if you disgrace me!**

Through our many sins, there is no other disgraced mitzvah than the holiness of the synagogue, which is the level of a *meis mitzvah*. This is because there are no people that make effort to revive it and it remains in its state of disgrace. Furthermore, it demands from *Hakadosh Baruch Hu*, why should it have a smaller portion than the other *mitzvahs*, of which *Yidden* glorify and are stringent to the utmost? And yet, this *mitzvah* is like disgracing an elder like a youth! In conclusion is fulfilled the *midrash* above, "if you disgrace it, it is as if you are disgracing my honor." And God forbid that **the anger of the enemies of the Jewish people is aroused, and what do we have to answer to that?!**

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