

TiM Tetzaveh

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שמות כ"ז:כ'

וְאַתָּה תְצַוֶּנָּה | אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּקְחוּ אֵלֶיךָ שֶׁמֶן זַיִת זָךְ כִּתִּית לַמָּאֹר
לְהַעֲלֹת נֵר תָּמִיד:

Exodus 27:20

Kindling the Candelabrum

In connection with the instructions regarding how to fashion the Candelabrum, God told Moses, while he was still on Mount Sinai, what type of oil would be used for the lamps. **“You, Moses, will later command the Israelites to bring you olive oil** that is **clear**, i.e., that never had any sediments. This is the oil produced from the olives when they are first **crushed** in a mortar, before they are pressed or ground. Only such oil may be used **for illumination**, i.e., for the lamps of the Candelabrum. Olive oil produced by pressing or grinding may, however, be used for other purposes in the Tabernacle. Whoever lights the lamps of the Candelabrum must take care **to kindle the lamp** until the wick catches and the flame continues to burn by itself. The lamps are to be lit **regularly**, every afternoon.

שמות ל"ב:ל"ב

וְעַתָּה אִם־תִּשָּׂא חַטָּאתָם וְאִם־אֵין מְחַנֵּי נָא מִסְפָּרְךָ אֲשֶׁר כָּתַבְתָּ:

Exodus 32:32

God did not accept this argument, so Moses tried coercion. **“So, if You will forgive their sin**, well and good. **But if not, erase me from the Torah, Your book that You wrote** before creation and that will eventually be given in its entirety in this world. Let it not be recorded that my merit did not suffice to secure atonement for them.”

מכות י"א א:כ"א

אמר רבי אבהו: קללת חכם – אפילו על תנאי היא באה. מנלן?
מעלי, דקאמר ליה [עלי] לשמואל: "כה יעשה לך אלהים וכה יוסיף
אם תכחד ממני דבר". ואף על גב דכתיב: "ויגד לו שמואל את כל
הדברים ולא כחד ממנו", [ואפילו הכי] כתיב: "ולא הלכו בניו
בדרכיו וגו'".

Makkot 11a:21

The Gemara cites a similar statement: **Rabbi Abbahu says:** With regard to **the curse of a Sage, even** if it is stated **conditionally, it comes** to realization. **From where do we** derive this? It is derived **from** an incident involving **Eli** the High Priest, **as Eli said to Samuel**, after the latter had received a prophetic vision with regard to Eli, that his sons do not follow his path: **"Therefore may God do to you, and more also, if you hide any matter from me** of all the matters that He spoke unto you" (I Samuel 3:17). **And even though it is written** immediately thereafter: **"And Samuel told him all the matters, and did not hide from him"** (I Samuel 3:18), **it is written** at the time of Samuel's death: **"And his sons did not follow in his ways"** (I Samuel 8:3), indicating that God did to Samuel as he prophesied with regard to Eli, and his own sons did not follow his path. Despite the fact that Eli stated the curse conditionally, Samuel was affected by the curse.

הטור הארוך, שמות כ"ז:כ"א

ואתה תצוה. לא הזכיר כאן משה בשם על שם שאמר מחני נא
מספרך כי קללת חכם אפי' על תנאי היא באה.

Tur HaArokh, Exodus 27:20:1

ואתה תצוה, "and you are to issue instructions, etc."

Moses has not been mentioned by name in this portion, seeing that he had

said to G'd that He should erase his name from His Book. (Exodus 32,32)
Although Moses had said this conditionally, i.e. if G'd were to kill the Jewish people as punishment for the sin of the golden calf, we have a rule that a curse of a sage, even if uttered only as something conditionally, is taken by G'd at face value. (*Zohar Chadash*, 60)

כלי יקר על שמות כ"ז:כ"ג

...לכך נאמר ואתה תצוה שני נוכחיות לומר ואתה היינו ממהות עצמותך ותוספות אורה שבך תצוה את בני ישראל ויקחו אליך שמן וגו' שהשמן יוקח אליך ר"ל לצרפו אליך כדי שתשפיע עליו מהודך כדי להעלות נר תמיד זה נר מערבי שהיה תמידי בדרך נס.

Kli Yakar on Exodus 27:20:3

...Therefore it is said **And you shall command** — with two forms of direct address — to say *and you*, **meaning from the essence of your being** and the additional light within you, *shall command the children of Israel that they bring to you pure oil, etc.* That the oil should be brought to you, meaning to join it with you so that you will emanate your glory upon it, in order *to kindle a lamp continually* — this is the western lamp that was miraculously continuous.