

The Mystical Key to Relationships – Tomer Devora

Chapter 10: Show Faithfulness to Ya'akov:

The name Israel refers to a higher level than the name *Ya'akov*. This attribute, "show faithfulness to *Ya'akov*" applies to those individuals of average spiritual stature, who do not know how to go beyond what the Law requires. They are called 'Ya'akov', for they adhere faithfully only to the strict requirements of the Law. The Holy One, Blessed Be He, also has this aspect of faithfulness regarding correctness in judgment. Towards those whose conduct in this world is correct, the Holy One, Blessed Be He, also conducts Himself with this quality of faithfulness, having compassion for them in executing justice and fairness.

So, too, a person should act towards his fellow with fairness and faithfulness, and he should not pervert the justice due his friend. He should have compassion for his fellow and be faithful, just as the Holy One, Blessed Be He, shows compassion for His creatures of faithfulness, in order to perfect them.

➤ **Main Point: Do the RIGHT thing.**

Chapter 11: Kindness to Avraham:

This attribute applies to those whose conduct goes beyond the requirements of the Law, like Avraham our Patriarch. Thus, the Holy One, Blessed Be He, also conducts Himself towards them in a way that goes beyond the requirements of the Law. That is, He does not demand the strict execution of justice, not even regarding correctness. Rather, He goes beyond the letter of the Law, just as they do. This is the aspect of "kindness to Avraham" – the Holy One Blessed be He, displays the attribute of kindness towards those whose conduct is like Avraham's.

So, Too, with man: Although he conducts himself properly and correctly, with justness towards all men, towards those who are particularly righteous and pious, his conduct should go beyond the strict requirements of the Law. Wherever he displays patience towards all men, with the righteous and pious he should have much more patience, showing them compassion beyond what the Law requires in his dealings with others. They should be exceedingly important to him and especially beloved, and they should be among his friends

➤ **Main Point: GO BEYOND what others deserve**