



Likkutei Sichos Poem

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When Yisro heard everything that for the Yidden Hashem had done,
To the desert he decided to come.
But why did Yisro leave his home,
Why did he go out of his comfort zone?

Rashi says that what motivated him specifically,
Was the war with Amalek and the splitting of the sea.
Yisro's coming was the final necessary preparation,
For Hashem to give the Torah to His nation.

From Yisro what do we gain,
Why is the Parsha about the giving of the Torah called by his name?
He taught the Yidden a valuable lesson,
About perfecting their wisdom and action.

Some people might say, Hashem created me in a certain way,
And this is how He wants me to stay,
But Yisro teaches us that this is not true,
Hashem wants growth from every Jew.

Chazal say that after the Beis Hamikdash was destroyed tragically,
Hashem needed a place for His Shechinah to be.
The four Amos of Halacha took the Beis Hamikdash's place,
Corresponding to the four Amos of each person's personal space.

There are a few things that were originally divided into threes,
 In the Bais Hamikdash there was the courtyard, the holy and the holy of holies.
 The Torah is also divided into three and has three revealed levels of Torah study,
 The head, torso, and legs are the three Amos of a person's body.

But Hashem wants us to grow more,
 Hashem wants us to reach level number four.

In the Aron, in the holy of holies, was the Luchos and the Torah's place,
 It represents the fourth level because miraculously it didn't take up any space.

In Torah study, the three levels of Pshat, Remez and Drush are great and fine,
 Through Teshuvah we received the fourth level, the secrets which are like wine.

It enables a person to picture Hashem's unity which is our goal,
 When it binds itself into practical Halacha it proves that we attained the Torah's soul!

Halacha doesn't just include the actions that we do,
 There are Halachos about knowing Hashem's unity and loving Him too.
 The purpose of the secrets of Chassidus that we study,
 Is that we should rise above our limitations and fulfill the Halachos practically.

In truth a person takes up Amos three,
 He is given four Amos because he has the responsibility,
 To use his power and go beyond creation,
 To raise his hands above his head and go beyond limitation.

To teach us the purpose of Mattan Torah, to expand and repair, Yisro was the one,
 Because he converted after being the priest of Midyan.
 In the world of impurity Yisro had reached perfection,
 In both wisdom and action.

We can define priest in two ways,
 As a government minister he spent his days,
 Managing the Midian people's daily actions,
 For this he was respected by the gentile nations.

Priest can also mean "a priest of idolatry,"
He thought mistakenly,
That between Hashem and people there are powers that exist on their own,
He didn't realize that power belongs to Hashem alone.

But when he heard that the sea did split, through the Yidden's action specifically,
They traveled forward although it didn't make sense logically,
Which revealed ocean life and the wisdom which we don't usually see,
The truth could no longer be hidden, he broke through his actions immediately.

When he heard that the Yidden won the war with Amalek, it made Yisro realize,
That above reason and understanding we have the power to rise.
It proved that wisdom doesn't have the final say,
We serve Hashem with our actions even when we don't understand Hashem's way.

The victory broke the Kelipa that tries to cool when we don't understand,
He transformed his actions and wisdom that go hand in hand,
And broke out of the Midyan land,
To receive the Torah with the Yidden in the desert sand.