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When Yitzchok became old he couldn't see,
Rashi asks how could this be?

Yitzchok was blessed by Hashem directly,
So why would he have to suffer so greatly?

Rashi gives explanations three,
The first is hinted to in the Passuk that came previously.
Yitzchok became blind from the smoke that did rise,
From the idol worship of Eisav's wives.

In Yitzchok's home, Eisav's wives weren't living,
So how could the smoke be so damaging?
If the problem was the smoke that did rise,
Why did it only affect Yitzchok's eyes?

Therefore a second reason Rashi does find,
At the Akeida, Yitzchok became blind,
Because of the tears that the Malachim cried,
That fell into Yitzchok's eyes when as a Korban he was tied.

This is a Midrash which is far from the simple meaning,

And it would mean that from the age of 37 his eyesight he was losing,
 But the advantage of this explanation,
 Is that he didn't become blind because of a negative situation.

The third reason for why Yitzchok's eyes were dim,
 Was so that the Brachos would be given,
 To Yaakov, who listened to his mother,
 When she told him to pretend that he was Eisav, his brother.

The advantage of this explanation,
 Is that it explains the Passuk's order,
 First it says that he wanted to bless his sons because he got older,
 And then it says that his eyes became dimmer,
 According to the other explanations he became blind earlier.

But this explanation is brought last because it is absolutely impossible to say,
 That Hashem runs the world in an unjust way.
 It doesn't seem fair that Hashem would make Yitzchok have pain,
 So that the Brachos, Yaakov could gain.

Hashem has many ways to get things done,
 He could have simply told Yitzchok that Yaakov was the one,
 To receive the Brachos because he was worthy,
 While Eisav was as wicked as could be.

From Rashi's third interpretation,
 We can learn a great lesson,
 On how careful we need to be,
 About not speaking Lashon Hora about anybody.

For 57 years, his eyesight Yitzchok did lose,
 Because even about Eisav, bad words Hashem wouldn't use.
 The words that we say are a big deal,
 They have the power to harm or heal.
