

The Mystical Key to Relationships – Tomer Devora

First Attribute: *TOLERATE other people's weaknesses*

Second Attribute: *GIVE others enough time to change*

Third Attribute: *REACH OUT to others who regret their mistakes, and help them remove the damage they created.*

Fourth Attribute: *REJOICE with others; and SUFFER with their suffering. SHARE one soul.*

Fifth Attribute: *SOFTEN your anger and help people change.*

Chapter 6 - For He delights in kindness:

We have already explained elsewhere that angels in a certain celestial chamber are appointed to receive the kind deeds man performs in this world. When the attribute of severity accuses Israel, these angels immediately exhibit those acts of kindness before the Heavenly Court, and the Holy One, Blessed Be He, shows compassion to Israel, since He delights in kindness. And even though [the people of Israel] may be guilty, He shows them mercy if they are kind to one another.

This can be compared to when the Holy Temple was destroyed, when G-d said to the angel Gavriel:- "Go in between the *galgal*, beneath the *keruv*, and fill your hands with burning coals from among the *keruvim*, and throw them on the city..." (Yechezkel 10:2). For Gavriel is the angel of judgment and severity, and G-d gave him permission to receive the powers of severity from the fire on the Altar, which is between the *galgal*, below the *keruvim*.

This is judgment according to the severities of *malchut*, which became so severe that it sought to destroy everything and annihilate the seed of Israel, which had incurred the penalty of destruction. However, the passage continues, "The form of a man's hand appeared under the wings of the *keruvim*" (ibid. 10:8). The meaning of this is that the Holy One, Blessed Be He, said to Gavriel, "Since they do kindness towards one another, even though they are guilty, they shall be saved, and a remnant of them will be left." The reason for this is the attribute of "He delights in kindness," that is, the kindness that one Jew shows another, for He remembers it in [the Jews'] favor, even though, from another point of view, they are unworthy.

Hence, a person should emulate this attribute in his own conduct. Even if one is aware that another person is doing him evil, and this angers him, if that person has some redeeming quality, e.g., he is kind to others, or he possesses some other virtue, this should be sufficient cause for one to dissipate his anger and find the other person pleasing, ie., to delight in the kindness he does. One should say, "It is enough for me that he has this good quality." How much more so does all this apply to one's wife; as our sages have said: "It is enough that they raise our children and save us from sin." So, too, should a person say to himself with regard to every man, "It is enough that he has

been good to me or to someone else in such-and-such a way, or that he has such-and-such a positive quality." In this way, one should delight in kindness.

- Main Point: DO NOT PUNISH others or take revenge