

Mishlei 22-19

Wisdom - Trust

Key Concepts

In the third lesson for acquiring wisdom, Mishlei introduces the necessity of trust in Hashem. Trust is essential because wisdom is ultimately an abstract intellectual concept, which cannot be grasped with the senses. And yet the student is required to invest a great amount of time and energy in the process of acquiring wisdom. Even so, its entire validity stands upon a pillar of trust in the great gift of the Torah with which Hashem blessed the Jewish people..

Exploring Mishlei

(יט) לְהִיּוֹת בְּה' מִבְּטָחְךָ הַיּוֹם אַף אֶתָּה :

(19) *Let your trust remain with Hashem,*

I have made this known to you today, you also.

Mishlei teaches that by giving the Torah to the Jewish people at Sinai, Hashem demonstrated the key bond of trust that extended throughout all generations. In each generation, the responsibility for passing on this trust is given to each individual. With the words “you also” each Jew is reminded that he is an essential link in the chain of trust that conveys the word of trust in Hashem to the next generation.

Learning Mishlei

(19) Let your trust remain with Hashem — לְהִיּוֹת בְּה' מִבְּטָחְךָ —

I have made this known to you today, — הַיּוֹם אֶתָּה —

you also — אַף אֶתָּה.