

Mishlei 22-21

Wisdom - Halachah

Key Concepts

In the fifth lesson for acquiring wisdom, Mishlei refers to the methodology of issuing halachic guidance in response to specific practical questions.

Exploring Mishlei

(כא) לְהוֹדִיעַךְ קִשְׁטֹת אִמְרֵי אֱמֶת לְהַשִּׁיב אִמְרֵי אֱמֶת לְשֹׁלְחֶיךָ:

(21) To let you know the moral truth demanded by words of truth, so that you may answer words of truth to those who send you.

Here Hashem is telling us that the words of Torah provide the means to derive and disseminate words of truth. In effect, Hashem has given us sufficient information, insight, and tools to issue halachic decisions.

Learning Mishlei

(21) To let you know the moral truth — לְהוֹדִיעַךְ קִשְׁטֹת — אִמְרֵי אֱמֶת — demanded by words of truth, — לְהַשִּׁיב אִמְרֵי אֱמֶת — so that you may answer words of truth — אִמְרֵי אֱמֶת — to those who send you. — אִמְרֵי אֱמֶת