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. הפטורה: וְעַמִי - תַּלְמֵי שָׂדַי. וַיִּבְרַח יַעֲקֹב - וּבְאִשָּׁה שָׁמָר. וּבָנָבִיא הֵעֵלָה - וּבְנָבִיא נִשְׁמַר

The haftarah begins with Ve'ami until talmei sadai, and continues [with the following two verses] until uvenavi nishmar (Hoshea 11:7-12:14).1

שָׁלשׁ חָכְמוֹת הֵן: חָכְמַת בִּטּוּל הַחוֹמֶר, עַל יְדֵי הוֹרָאַת שִׁקּוּץ וְתִעוּב כָּל עִנְיָנִים הַגּּוּפְנִיִּים וְהַחוּמְרִיִּים – חָכְמַת הַמּוּסָר. חָכְמַת הֲכָּרַת מַעֲלַת הַצּוּרָה וְהָרוּחָנִי בְּמִדּוֹת וּבְמוּשְׂכָּלוֹת וְהוֹרָאַת אוֹפַנֵּי הַקֵּרוּב אֲלֵיהֶם – חָכְמַת הַחַקִירָה.

חָכְמַת הַגְּבָּרַת הַצּוּרָה עַל הַחוֹמֶר, הוֹרָאָה בְּמַעֲלַת חוֹמֶר מְזוּכָּךְ וּבְמַעֲלַת הַצּוּרָה כְּשֶׁנִּקְבְּעָה בְּהַחוּמְר, הוֹרָאָה בְּמַעֲלַת חוֹמֶר מְזוּכָּךְ וּבְמַעֲלַת הַצּוּרָה כְּשֶׁנִּקְבְּעָה בְּהַחוּמְר, אֵל אֶחָד בְּרָאָם, וְהְתְכַּלְלוּתָם יַחַד מִבְּלִּוֹת אוֹר קְדוּשַׁת חֶבְיוֹן עוּזּוֹ יִתְבָּרֵךְ נִבְרְאוּ, וּשְׁנֵיהֶם כְּאֶחָד דַּוְקָא מַשְׁלִימִים אוֹתָהּ הַשְּׁלֵמוּת, אֲשֶׁר עָלָה בִּרְצוֹנוֹ יִתִבָּרֵךְ – חָכִמַת תּוֹרַת הַחַסִידוּת.

There are three schools of thought:2

- (a) The school of thought that negates [preoccupation with] materiality by pointing out the disgusting and abhorrent nature of all bodily and material things. This is the approach of Mussar.4
- (b) The school of thought that recognizes the greatness of the spiritual essence of the emotions and the intellect and indicates how one can draw close to [this kind of awareness]. This is the approach of Chakirah.5
- (c) The school of thought that makes Form dominate Matter,6 demonstrating (i) the unique quality of Matter when it is refined and the unique quality of Form when it is integrated within Matter, and (ii) how the two are combined together to the extent that beginning or end are indistinguishable,7 for "the beginning is rooted in the end and the end is rooted in the beginning."8 The one G-d created them, with a single intent to reveal the light of the holiness of His hidden power.9 Together they produce that consummate perfection that arose in His will. This is the approach of Chassidus.10