

gidduf? Who is able to grant selicha to chatta'im but Hashem alone?

|22| But he having had daas of their machshavot (thoughts), said to them in reply, Why are you reasoning in your levavot?

|23| Which is easier: to say, Your chatta'im have been granted selicha, or to say, Get up and walk?

|24| But in order that you may have da'as that the Ben HaAdam [*Moshiach*, DANIEL 7:13] has samchut on HaAretz to grant selicha to chatta'im, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to the one having been paralyzed, To you I say, Get up, pick up your mat, and go to your bais (house, home).

|25| And at once the man arose in front of them, picked up the mat upon which he was lying, and departed to his bais, shouting, Baruch Hashem!

|26| And astonishment seized everyone, and they were shouting, Baruch Hashem!

And they were filled with yirat Shomayim, saying, Hayom (today) our eyes have beheld niflaot (wonders)!

|27| And after these things Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach went out and saw a moches (tax collector) named Levi [*Mattityahu*] sitting in the tax office, and he said to him, Follow me.

|28| And having forsaken all and having got up, Levi was following Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach.

|29| And Levi arranged a large seudah in his bais for Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, and there was a great number of mochesim and others who were with them, reclining at tish.

|30| And the Perushim and their Sofrim were murmuring against Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach's

talmidim, saying, Why with the mochesim and choteim are you eating and drinking?

|31| And in reply, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to them, It is not the bariim who have need of a rofeh, but the cholim (sick persons);

|32| I have not come to call the tzaddikim but choteim (sinners) to teshuva (repentance).

|33| But they said to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Yochanan's talmidim undergo tzomot (fasts) often and offer tefillos; likewise also the ones of the Perushim; but your talmidim eat and drink.

|34| But Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to them, You are not able to make the Bnei haChuppah undergo tzomot while the Choson is with them, are you?

|35| But yamim will come when the Choson is taken away from them; then, in those yamim, they will undergo tzomot.

|36| Now Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was telling also a mashal to them: No one tears a piece from a new garment, and sews it as a patch on an old garment. Otherwise, both the new will be torn, and the patch from the new will not match the old.

|37| And no one puts yayin chadash (new wine) into old wineskins; otherwise, the new wine will burst the wineskins, it will be spilled, and the wineskins will be destroyed.

|38| Rather, yayin chadash must be put into new wineskins.

|39| And no one having drunk the old desires the chadash (new), for he says, The alter (old) is besere (better).

[*T.N. Lukas wrote this book sometime around 63 B.C.E.*]

6 And it came about on Shabbos that the Moshiach is passing through grain fields, and his talmidim were plucking and eating the heads of grain and rubbing them in their hands. [DEVARIM 23:25]

|2| Now some of the Perushim said, Why are you doing what is asur (impermissible) on Shabbos?

|3| And in reply, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Have you not read what Dovid HaMelech did when he and those with him were hungry, [SHMUEL ALEF 21:6]

|4| How he entered into the Beit Hashem and took the Lechem HaPanim (the Bread of the Presence), and he ate and gave to the ones with him, which is mutar (permissible) to eat only by the kohanim? [VAYIKRA 24:5,9]

|5| And he was saying to them, The Ben HaAdam [*Moshiach*, DANIEL 7:13-14] is Adon HaShabbos.

|6| And it came about on another Shabbos that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach entered into the shul and taught Torah. And there was a man there also whose right hand was withered.

|7| Now the Sofrim and Perushim were watching Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach to see if he brings refuah on Shabbos, in order that they might find something to accuse him.

|8| But he knew their machshavot (thoughts), and said to the man having the withered hand, Rise and stand in the midst. And the man got up and stood.

|9| And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to them, I ask you whether it is mutar on Shabbos to do hatov or to do harah, to save nefesh or destroy it?