

not muzzle an ox treading grain<sup>a</sup> DEVARIM 25:4). Surely it is not for oxen that Hashem is concerned.

|10| Or does he not speak altogether for our sake, and is it not for us that Hashem says this? Ken, for us, because it was written that the one plowing ought to plow on in tikvah, and the one threshing ought to partake with tikvah.

|11| If we sowed spiritual things to you, is it too much if we reap in material things from you? [Ro 15:27]

|12| If others over you can claim this privilege, can we not even more? But we did not make use of this privilege; we endure all things, lest any hindrance we should give to Moshiach's Besuras HaGeulah.

|13| Do you not have da'as that the kohanim serving in the Beis Hamikdash sherut (service in the Temple) eat the things of the Beis Hamikdash; the kohanim attending the Mizbe'ach (altar) have their share with the Mizbe'ach (altar)?

|14| So also Moshiach Adoneinu appointed the ones proclaiming the Besuras HaGeulah to get their parnasah from the Besuras HaGeulah.

|15| But I have not used any of these privileges; I did not write these things that it might be so with me; for it's better for me rather to die than that someone deprive me of my kavod [in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Pp 1:21].

|16| For if I preach the Besuras HaGeulah there is nothing for me to boast about, als (since) necessity is laid on me, for Oy Li ("Woe to me!") if I do not preach the Besuras HaGeulah [YIRMEYAH 20:9].

|17| For, if I do this willingly, I have a sachar (reward), but if unwillingly, then a ne'emanut

(trusteeship), a kehunah for the Besuras HaGeulah [Ro 15:16] has been entrusted to me.

|18| What then is my sachar (reward)? That in preaching as a maggidd of the Besuras HaGeulah, I may make the Besuras HaGeulah free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the Besuras HaGeulah.

|19| For being no indentured servant to any one of the Bnei Adam, I made myself a servant [*working for nothing*] to kol Bnei Adam, that I might win the more.

|20| And I became to the Yehudim as a Yehudi, that I might win Yehudim; to the ones under Torah, I became as under Torah—not being myself under [the epoch of] Torah—that the ones under Torah I might win;

|21| To the ones without Torah, as without Torah, though not being without the Torah of Hashem but being under Moshiach's Torah [YESHAYAH 42:4], that I might win the ones without Torah.

|22| I became weak to the weak ones that I might win the weak ones. I have become all things to kol Bnei Adam, that by all means I might save some.

|23| And all things I do because of the Besuras HaGeulah that a fellow partaker and deveykus sharer in it I may become.

|24| Do you not have da'as that the ones running on a race course all indeed run, but it is only one who receives the prize? So run that you may obtain the prize.

|25| And everyone competing in the [*Olympic*] games in all things exercises shlitah atzmi: those ones, therefore, that they may obtain a perishable wreath; but

we, an imperishable.

|26| Therefore, I run not as one without a goal that is kovua (fixed, set). I box as not beating the air.

|27| But I do more than merely spar with my basar; I pommel it and keep it under strict subjection, so that after I am the maggidd to others, I myself will not become declared ineligible.

**10** I do not want you to be without da'as, Achim b'Moshiach, that Avoteinu all were under the anan (cloud, SHEMOT 13:21-22) and passed through the sea [SHEMOT 14:22-25], |2| And all into Moshe Rabbenu were given tevilah in the anan (cloud) and in the sea,

|3| And all of the same spiritual okhel (food) ate [SHEMOT 16:4,35; DEVARIM 8:3; TEHILLIM 78:24-29],

|4| And all of the same spiritual drink drank, for they were drinking from a spiritual TZUR following them [SHEMOT 17:6; BAMIDBAR 20:11; TEHILLIM 78:15; 105:41], and that TZUR was Moshiach.

|5| But Hashem was not pleased with most of them, for they were strewn about in the desert, VAYISHCHATEM BAMIDBAR ("then He slaughtered them in the desert" [BAMIDBAR 14:16, 23,29-30; TEHILLIM 78:31]).

|6| Now these things occurred as moftim (examples) for us, in order that we would not crave what is ra'ah as they did. [BAMIDBAR 11:4,34; TEHILLIM 106:14]

|7| Neither should you become ovdei elilim (idolaters), as some of them did, as it has been written, "And the people sat to eat and to drink and they got up to revel" SHEMOT 32:6.