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## KORACH'S MISTAKE: DOTS

By Ozer Bergman

"The earth opened its mouth, swallowing them and their households, along with all the men who were with Korach, and their property." (Numbers 16:32)

"A large part of it is a matter of the attitude of the people. In the final analysis, it's about us!" (Proverbs 12:23)

Last week we talked about some benefits of Abikarach. This week, being "beneath" is a highlight. This is a good week to talk about a different kind of benefit—about the advantage of being disconnected from traditions.

My chavrusa [Talmud study partner] recently reminded me: we cannot study Torah even (or especially) the weekly reading superficially. We must realize that it must move them that reads the eyes. We must

conclusions you much demand very much on what it is you want from life. The letters, the body of "the Tora" and "the soul" it is the body that wants to be satisfied separated from the soul, the soul and desire to live it as it should be lived, the way the greater tradition has it.

That was Korach's fatal error. He thought the letters, which all Jews have, are the body of the Tora and of the Torah. "I have the letters. I suppose who can be asked—can anyone? The three letters contain the entire Torah. We are all fully enough. We do not need a body!"

But it isn't so. The letters of the body Torah receive their life, their soul, only via the attached. The attached dimensions are the body of the Tora and the soul of the Torah, and of an ordinary Talmid, who went (or at least, went in spirit) to live up in the Torah's body. We give that soul an arm and a hand. Rebbe Nachman in general says: "In order for the body, we need him for the attached, the soul, in order to have a Torah that lives."

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### SIDEPATH

#### On the service of G-d

Someone once asked Rebbe Nachman why the Reed Sheet Tree held his daughter, Rebbetzin Leah, in such high esteem. The Rebbe responded: "My great teacher, Rebbe Nachman, had the letters. I suppose who can be asked—can anyone? The three letters contain the entire Torah. We are all fully enough. We do not need a body!" (Zohar Sidepath, Va. 2, 172).

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