

# Pathways – Special Rosh HaShanah Edition

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King David said, “Unless God builds a house, its builders have toiled on it in vain” (Psalms 127:1). This verse is difficult to understand. It seems to state that if it were not for God building the house, the workers could never succeed. But if God is, in fact, building the house, who needs workers at all? “Building the house” alludes to man completing his mission in life. Since the time of Adam’s sin, sparks of goodness have been scattered and hidden throughout the world. Each person must discover and redeem the sparks associated with his or her soul. But this effort cannot be done by man alone, for there are two methods of refinement necessary in order to retrieve the sparks.....

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