

He will cause them to fall like corpses

הוא יפילם חללים –

OVERVIEW

השכם interpreted the פסוק of לו¹ והתחולל לה' דום to mean that if you will be השכם then your enemies will self-destruct. The word דום indicates either prayer or learning.² תוספות cites a different interpretation of the word דום.

בפרק בתרא דזבחים (דף קטו,ב) דרשין דום בענין אחר גבי וידום אהרן (ויקרא יג) -

In the last פרק of זבחים מסכת זבחים, regarding the פסוק of וידום אהרן, the גמרא interprets this same word דום in a different manner; the גמרא there explains our פסוק to mean that -

אף על פי שהפיל לך חללים אתה דום:

Even though ה' caused death to your dear ones, nevertheless you should be silent.

SUMMARY

דום can mean to *daven* and study (which will defeat your enemies), or it may also mean that one should be silent and not question Hashem's justice.

THINKING IT OVER

Why was it necessary for תוספות to cite the differing view of the גמרא in זבחים?⁵

¹ תהלים לז, א.

² See following תוס' השכם.

³ פסוק ג'.

⁴ The גמרא there is comparing the פסוק of וידום אהרן, where אהרן הכהן remained silent and did not question ה' when his two sons died, to a similar teaching of דוד in תהלים with the פסוק of לו והתחולל לה' דום.

⁵ See (דום לה' וגו') פסוק (of וגו') to interpret the פסוק (of וגו') when its meaning is seemingly evident? [Perhaps תוספות means to infer that it is possible by merely being silent (and not necessarily doing anything actively) and nevertheless your enemies will be thwarted.]