

## Arise early and stay up late for them

## השכם והערב עליהן –

### OVERVIEW

השכם to mean that if you will be interpreted the פסוק of 'ר' אלעזר לה' והתחולל לו<sup>1</sup> then your enemies will self-destruct. תוספות explains the connection between דום and הערב והערב עליהם לביהמ"ד.

דריש דום כמו דמדומי חמה<sup>2</sup> (שבת דף קיח,ב) -

He interpreted the word דום as in דמדומי חמה the redness of the sun.

anticipates a difficulty:<sup>3</sup> תוספות

אף על גב דאמר בבבא קמא (דף צג,א) המוסר דינו לשמים הוא נענש תחילה -

Even though the גמרא in מסכת ב"ק states, he who delivers his claim for justice to שמים, he is punished first, so how could have ר"א encouraged מר עוקבא to seek justice in שמים?!

responds: תוספות

הא אמר הני מילי דאית ליה דינא בארעא -

But the גמרא states there, that the abovementioned constraint is **only if he can find justice here in this world**; however by מר עוקבא he could not find any means to protect himself by turning to the (civil)<sup>4</sup> authorities.

offers an alternate explanation of הערב והערב: תוספות

אי נמי השכם עליהם לבית המדרש קאמר לעסוק בתורה:

Or you may also say; that השכם והערב עליהם meant to go early and stay late in the תורה study, but not to *daven* for their downfall.

### SUMMARY

One may ask *Hashem* to punish his enemies only if there is no recourse on earth (as in the case of מר עוקבא). Alternately מר עוקבא added in his studies; he did not *daven* for his enemies' downfall.

<sup>1</sup> תהלים לז, י.

<sup>2</sup> there stated that he wished to have his lot with those who *davened* with the חמה, when the sun is red (דום) [and דום] as in אדום –red); i.e. at sunrise and sunset (when the sun is red). The word דום here means (to *daven* when the sun is) red. This is the meaning of הערב והערב to *daven* at sunrise and sunset.

<sup>3</sup> It is apparent (from תוספות question) that ר"א encouraged מר עוקבא to *daven* (at sunrise and sunset) for the destruction of his enemies.

<sup>4</sup> See אמ"ה # 129 whether turning to the gentile authorities is considered that he has a בארעא.

