

ולא ידענא אי משום דקסבר אוכל מתוך פסולת אסור –

And I do not know whether he maintains food from waste is prohibited

OVERVIEW

and, שבת on ר' אמי ור' אסי placed a basket of fruit before רב ביבי related that רב דימי was not certain whether the reason for placing the basket before them was because he maintains that selecting פסולת מתוך אוכל is אסור (or whether it was to show his generosity).¹ Our תוספות explains why רב דימי was under the impression that it may have been because of the איסור ברירה.

פירוש² לא ידענא מה שלא ביררם תחלה קודם שהביאם לפניו³ -

The explanation of רב דימי's question (whether רב ביבי may maintain אוכל מתוך פסולת is; 'I do not know why he did not select the fruits from the פסולת initially before he brought it before רב אמי ורב אסי -

אבל אין לפרש⁴ מה שלא ביררם בשעה שהניח לפניו -

However one cannot explain that there may be reason to assume that רב ביבי maintains אוכל מתוך פסולת is אסור, because he did not select the fruits from the פסולת, at the time that he placed it before them -

דאם כן מאי קאמר אי משום דקסבר אוכל מתוך פסולת אסור -

For if this is the reason how can רב דימי state, 'I am uncertain whether it is because רב ביבי maintains פסולת מתוך אוכל is אסור'; that is why he was not בורר when he placed it before them. This cannot be any indication -

דהא לכולי עלמא שרינו⁵ אוכל מתוך פסולת לאלתר:

For everyone agrees that it is permitted to select פסולת מתוך אוכל to eat it לאלתר.

SUMMARY

The cause of doubt by רב דימי was the fact that רב ביבי did not select the fruit before

¹ See ודא that רב ביבי placed the fruits before them together with the leaves and did not separate them.

² The word פירוש indicates that תוספות is rejecting another interpretation. Here תוספות is rejecting the לפרש mentioned shortly. See footnote # 4.

³ The fact they he did not select the fruits initially, may indicate that he maintains פסולת מתוך אוכל is אסור, if it is not לאלתר, as it would be in this case if he would have been בורר the fruits before he placed it before them.

⁴ This may be שיטת רש"י who writes והם נוטלים ואוכלים. ובשטוח זה נפרש האוכל מאליו.

⁵ If רב דימי was questioning why he was not בורר when he placed it before them, he should have surmised that the only reason for this conduct was for יפה עין, but not out of concern of איסור ברירה since it was לאלתר, so אוכל מתוך פסולת is surely מותר. Rather רב דימי wondered why רב ביבי was not בורר before he brought it, for in that case since it is not לאלתר; it could be because רב ביבי maintains that פסולת מתוך אוכל is אסור if it is not לאלתר. See 'Thinking it over'.

he served it (but not since he did not select the fruit when he served it).

THINKING IT OVER

We know for a fact that רב ביבי was not בורר when he served them, because of עין בעין⁶. Therefore what was רב דימי's doubt. We know he wanted to serve them יפה; therefore he was also not בורר before either, for then he could not serve them? בעין יפה

⁶ See footnote # 5.