

Maharal Tzintz

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Parashas Mishpatim

"וְאֵלֶּה הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים אֲשֶׁר תָּשִׂים לִפְנֵיהֶם"

"And these are the mishpatim that you shall set before them" (Shemos 21:1).

The Maharal Tzintz explains: Hashem said to Moshe, "You were with Me on Sinai, and I showed you how every mitzvah creates an angel and how there are lights associated with every mitzvah. These angels and lights serve as advocates, defending those who fulfill the mitzvos. The entire nation of Israel witnessed this during the Ten Commandments. This is what is meant by 'saw the voices' - they saw the lights and angels of the mitzvos.

"Moshe, you saw the lights and angels corresponding to each mitzvah and understood it well. But now you must go down to the people, 'and these are the mishpatim that you shall set before them.' You will need to explain it to them according to their level, so they understand that the mitzvos they fulfill actually create angels and holy lights in Heaven. These angels and lights act as advocates, interceding on behalf of anyone who fulfills the mitzvos that created them."

With this, the Maharal Tzintz explains the *verse*, "that a person shall perform them and live through them" (Vayikra 18:5)" as meaning that when a person fulfills mitzvos, they truly live, for the mitzvos create advocates that argue on the person's behalf and save his life!"

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