

מסכת אבות פרק ד משנה א: "איזהו מכבד?"



The Mishna:

Avot 4:1

Ben Zoma said:

Who is he that is honored?

He who honors his fellow human beings

as it is said: "For I honor those that honor Me, but those who spurn Me shall be dishonored"

(Samuel I 2:30).

המשנה:

אבות ד, א

"בן זומא אומר:

...איזהו מכבד?

המכבד את הבריות,

שנאמר: "כי מכבדי אכבד ובזי יקלני"

(ש"א ב, ל)

Read the verse from Proverbs and its explanation:

*“As face answers to face in water,  
So does one man’s heart to another”  
(Proverbs 27:19)*

This verse teaches us a lesson through a parable.

When you look into water, you see your face reflecting back at you, exactly the same way that your face looks in reality: if I smile at the reflection in the water, it will smile back at me.

If I cry – the reflection that will be reflected back to me will be crying.

That's how people's hearts are.

If I treat someone in a certain way, I will be treated back in the same way.

- ❖ How is the verse: “As face answers to face in water, So does one man’s heart to another” connected to the Mishna that we learned?

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- ❖ Make a sticker or one-sentence slogan portraying this important principle.

