

## Hidden Blessing

וְאָמַר רַבִּי יִצְחָק: גָּדוֹל יוֹם הַגֶּשֶׁמִּים. שְׂאֵפִילוּ פְרוּטָה שְׁבֵכִים  
מִתְבָּרְכֶת בּוֹ. שְׁנַאֲמַר: "לָתֵת מִטֵּר אֶרְצָךְ בְּעֵתוֹ וּלְבָרֵךְ אֶת כָּל מַעֲשֵׂה  
יָדְךָ" (דברים כח:יב). וְאָמַר רַבִּי יִצְחָק: אֵין הַבְּרָכָה מְצוּיָה אֶלָּא בְּדָבָר  
הַסְמוּי מִן הָעֵין. שְׁנַאֲמַר: "יֵצוּ ה' אֱתָךְ אֶת הַבְּרָכָה בְּאֶסְמִיךָ"  
(דברים כח:ח). תִּנָּא דְבִי רַבִּי יִשְׁמַעֲאֵל: אֵין הַבְּרָכָה מְצוּיָה אֶלָּא בְּדָבָר  
שְׂאֵין הָעֵין שׁוֹלְטָת בּוֹ. שְׁנַאֲמַר: "יֵצוּ ה' אֱתָךְ אֶת הַבְּרָכָה בְּאֶסְמִיךָ  
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תִּנּוּ רַבָּנָן: הַנְּכַנֵּס לְמוֹד אֶת גְּרָנוֹ אוֹמַר: יְהִי רְצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ ה'  
אֱלֹהֵינוּ בְּכָרִי הַזֶּה. מְדַד וְאַחַר כֵּךְ בִּירְךָ, הָרִי זֹו תִּפְּלֵת שְׂוֵא. לְפִי  
שְׂאֵין הַבְּרָכָה מְצוּיָה לֹא בְּדָבָר הַשְּׁקוּל וְלֹא בְּדָבָר הַמְדוּד וְלֹא בְּדָבָר  
הַמְנוּי אֶלָּא בְּדָבָר הַסְמוּי מִן הָעֵין.

Rabbi Isaac said: Great is the day of rains, for even a penny in the pocket is blessed/*mit-barechet* on that day. As it says: [*The Lord will open for you his bounteous store, the heavens,*] to provide rain for your land in season and to bless/*l'varech* all the works of your hands... (Deuteronomy 28:12).

And Rabbi Isaac also said: Blessing/*beracha* is not to be found except in that which is “siload”—hidden—from the eye. As it is said: *The Lord will ordain blessings for you for that which is in your silos* (Deuteronomy 28:8).

It was taught in the school of Rabbi Ishmael: Blessing/*beracha* is not to be found except in that which the eye does not control. As it is said: *The Lord will ordain blessings for you for that which is in your silos* (Deuteronomy 28:8).

The Rabbis taught that one who enters the silo to count his grain says: May it be your will, O Lord, our God, to send blessing/*beracha* to the work of our hands.

Once one has begun to count, one says: Blessed/*baruch* is the one who sends blessing/*beracha* into this heap. If he had finished counting and then made a blessing/*beracha*, it was in vain because blessing/*beracha* is not to be found in anything that has been weighed, measured or counted but only in that which is “siload”—hidden—from the eye.

(Babylonian Talmud Ta'anit 8b)