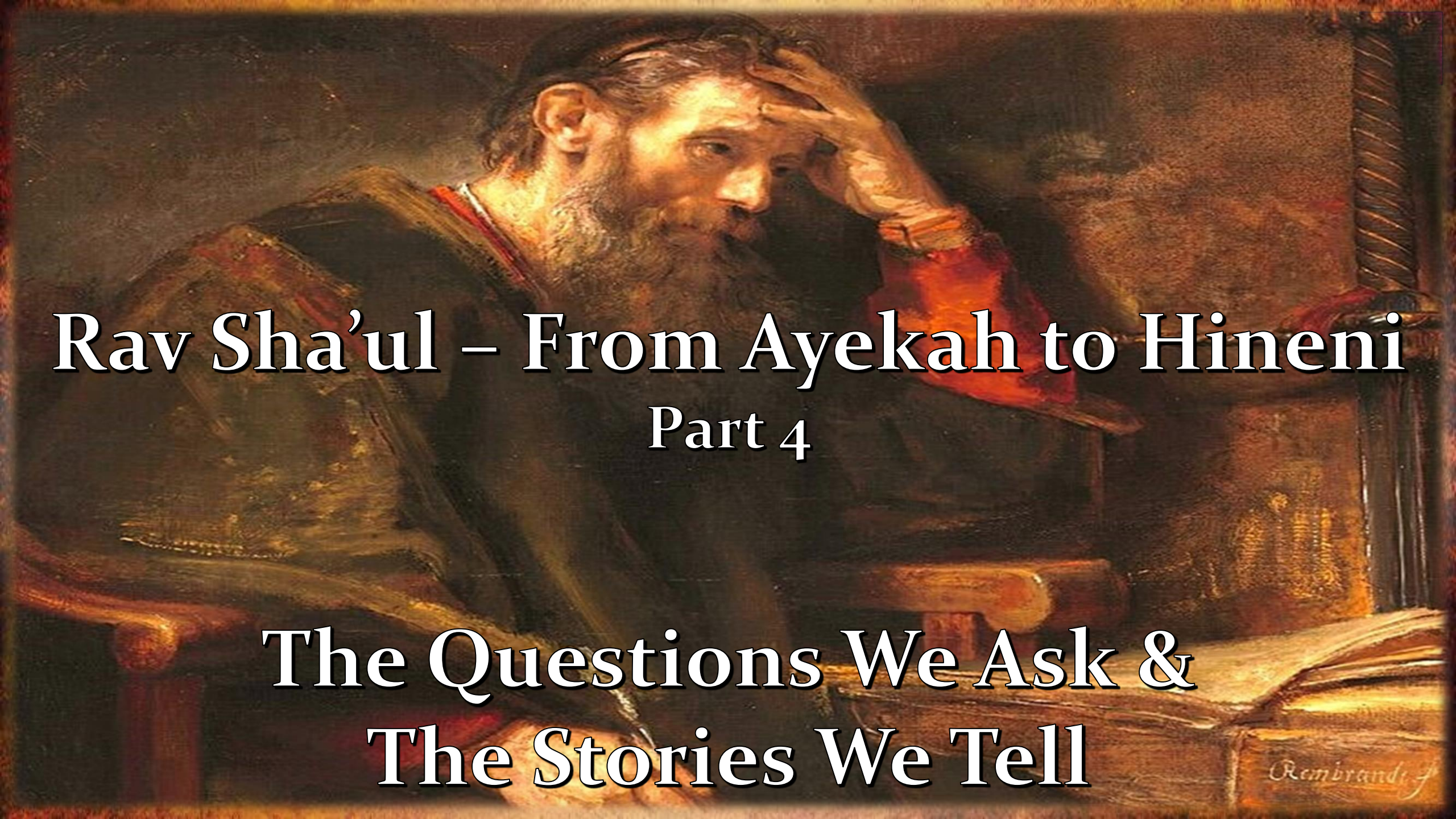


A painting by Rembrandt depicting an elderly man with a long, grey beard and hair, wearing a dark robe over a red garment. He is seated at a desk, resting his head on his right hand in a contemplative or distressed pose. The lighting is dramatic, coming from the left, highlighting his face and hand. The background is dark and indistinct. The painting is signed 'Rembrandt f.' in the bottom right corner.

# Rav Sha'ul – From Ayekah to Hineni

## Part 4

The Questions We Ask &  
The Stories We Tell



## 2 Samuel 12

13 David said to Natan, “I HAVE SINNED  
AGAINST ADONAI.”

“CHATATI L'ADONAI”

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# Psalm 51



For the leader. A psalm of David, when Natan the prophet came to him after his affair with Bat-Sheva:

3 (1) God, in your grace, have mercy on me; in your great compassion, blot out **MY CRIMES**. 4 (2) Wash me completely from **MY GUILT** and cleanse me from **MY SIN**.

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# Psalm 51



5 (3) **FOR I KNOW MY CRIMES, MY SIN  
CONFRONTS ME ALL THE TIME.**

**“V'CHATATI NEGDI TAMID”**

“And my sin is before me always”

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# Psalm 51



6 (4) **AGAINST YOU, YOU ONLY, HAVE I SINNED**  
and done what is evil from **YOUR** perspective; so  
that **YOU ARE RIGHT** in accusing me and  
**JUSTIFIED** in passing sentence.

## Romans 3

4 God would be true even if everyone were a liar! — as the Tanakh says, “so that you, God, may be proved right in your words and win the verdict when you are put on trial.”

# Psalm 51



12 (10) **CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART,**  
**GOD**; renew in me a resolute spirit.

“Lev tahor **BARA** li Elohim”

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# Psalm 51



13 (11) Don't thrust me away from **YOUR PRESENCE**,  
don't take **YOUR RUACH KODESH** away from me.



# Psalm 51



14 (12) **RESTORE MY JOY IN YOUR SALVATION**

and let a willing spirit uphold me.

Hashivah li – השיבה לי

From the root שוב – Shuv: to return, turn

**“RETURN ME TO JOY THROUGH YOUR  
SALVATION”**

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# Psalm 51



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WILLING SPIRIT UPHOLD ME.**

**וְרוּחַ נְדִיבָה תִּסְמְכֵנִי**

“V’ruach nedivah tismechayni”

**“AND A WILLING SPIRIT WILL SUSTAIN ME”**

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# Philippians 2



...**KEEP WORKING OUT YOUR SALVATION**  
**WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING**, 13 for God is the  
one working among you **BOTH THE WILLING**  
**AND THE WORKING FOR WHAT PLEASES HIM.**

14 Do everything without kvetching or arguing, 15 so  
that you may be blameless and pure children of God,  
without defect in the midst of a twisted and  
perverted generation...

# Psalm 51



18 (16) For you don't want sacrifices, or I would give them; you don't take pleasure in burnt offerings.

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# Psalm 51



19 (17) My sacrifice to God is A BROKEN SPIRIT;  
God, you won't spurn A BROKEN, CHASTENED  
HEART.

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Zivchei Elohim ruach nishbarah; lev-nishbar  
v'nidkeh--Elohim, lo tivzeh

“My SACRIFICES to God are a SPIRIT BROKEN; a  
HEART BROKEN AND CRUSHED, O GOD, YOU  
WILL NOT DESPISE.”

# Psalm 51



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Zivchei Elohim **RUACH NISHBARAH**; **LEV-**  
**NISHBAR V'NIDKEH**--Elohim, lo tivzeh

**“My sacrifices to God are a spirit broken; a  
HEART BROKEN AND CRUSHED, GOD  
WILL NOT DESPISE.”**

# Psalm 51



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Zivchei Elohim **RUACH NISHBARAH; LEV-**

**NISHBAR V'NIDKEH**--Elohim

שֶׁבַר - shâbar

NISHBAR

Break in large pieces

דָּכָה - dâkâh

NIDKEH

Crush into  
dust

“My sacrifices to God are a spirit broken; a  
**HEART BROKEN AND CRUSHED, GOD  
WILL NOT DESPISE.”**

# *SURRENDER*



## WHAT IS SURRENDER?

What it is

What it's not

De~~at~~

Resig~~ation~~

Pass~~ivity~~

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# WHAT IS SURRENDER?



## IT'S ABOUT ORDER

What did Yeshua tell us is the greatest **COMMAND**?

Deuteronomy 6

5 and you are to love Adonai your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your strength [resources].

6 These words, which I am ordering you today, are to be on your heart; 7 and you are to teach them carefully to your children. You are to talk about them when you sit at home, when you are traveling on the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them on your hand as a sign, put them at the front of a headband around your forehead, 9 and write them on the door-frames of your house and on your gates.

# WHAT IS SURRENDER?



## IT'S ABOUT ORDER

What is the verse immediately before Deut. 6:5?

Deuteronomy 6:4

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד

Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad!

Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One.

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

Baruch shem k'vod malchuto l'olam va-ed

Blessed be the name of the glory of His kingdom forever

# WHAT IS SURRENDER?

## IT'S ABOUT ORDER



Why does the first portion of the Shema come before the second?

“Kabbalat ol malkhut shamayim”

“So that one first accepts upon himself THE YOKE of the kingdom of heaven

...and only afterward accepts upon himself the yoke of the commandments.”

Rabbi Yehoshua ben Korcha

# *WHAT IS SURRENDER?*

**IT'S ABOUT EVERYTHING IN THE RIGHT ORDER**

What it is

Acceptance of  
God's rule – it's a  
choice

What it's not

De~~X~~eat

Resig~~X~~ation

Pass~~X~~ivity

# WHAT IS SURRENDER?

**IT'S ABOUT EVERYTHING IN THE RIGHT ORDER**

Luke 9

23 Then to everyone he said, “If anyone wants to come after me, **let him say** ‘No’ to himself, **take up his** execution-stake **DAILY** and **KEEP FOLLOWING ME**.

24 For whoever **tries to save his own life** will destroy it, but whoever destroys his life on my account will save it.

25 What will it benefit a person if he gains the whole world but destroys or forfeits his own life?

# WHAT IS SURRENDER?

**IT'S ABOUT EVERYTHING IN THE RIGHT ORDER**

“Kabbalat ol MALKHUT SHAMAYIM”

“So that one first accepts upon himself THE YOKE  
of THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN”

Matthew 11

29 **Take my yoke upon you** and learn from me,  
because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you  
will find rest for your souls.

# SH'MA – THERE IS BUT ONE GOD

*Deuteronomy 6:4-9*



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## 2 Samuel 12



13 David said to Natan, “I have sinned against Adonai.” Natan said to David, “Adonai also has taken away your sin. You will not die.

14 However, because by this act you have so greatly blasphemed Adonai, the child born to you must die.” 15 Then Natan returned to his house. Adonai struck the child that Uriyah’s wife had borne to David, and it became very ill. 16 David prayed to God on behalf of the child; David fasted, then came and lay all night on the ground. 17 The court officials got up and stood next to him trying to get him off the ground, but he refused, and he wouldn’t eat food with them.

## 2 Samuel 12



18 On the seventh day, the child died. The servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, because they said, “While the child was still alive, we spoke to him, and he didn’t listen to us; if we tell him now that the child is dead, he may do himself some harm.” 19 But when David saw his servants whispering to each other, he suspected that the child was dead. David asked his servants, “Is the child dead?” and they answered, “He is dead.”

20 Then David got up off the ground, washed, anointed himself and changed his clothes. He went into the house of Adonai and worshipped

# Psalm 51



6 (4) Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil from your perspective;

so that **YOU ARE RIGHT** in accusing me and **JUSTIFIED IN PASSING SENTENCE**.

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# Matthew 26



37 He took with him Kefa and Zavdai's two sons.  
**Grief and anguish came over him**, 38 and he said to them, "My heart is so filled with sadness that I could die! Remain here and stay awake with me." 39 Going on a little farther, he fell on his face, praying, **"MY FATHER, IF POSSIBLE, LET THIS CUP PASS FROM ME! YET — NOT WHAT I WANT, BUT WHAT YOU WANT!"**

# The Questions We Ask Determine The Stories We Tell Ourselves

"Who did this to me?"

"What's wrong with them?"

"How do I make sure no one finds out?"

"How do I make this guilt go away as fast as possible?"

"When is God going to fix this the way I want?"

"What did I do to deserve this?"

[This question can be sarcastic, self-punishment, or honest searching]

# The Questions We Ask Determine The Stories We Tell Ourselves



**Do The Questions We Ask Face  
God and Address Our Own Sin?**

**or**

**Do They Put God and The Truth  
On Trial?**

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# The Questions We Ask Determine The Stories We Tell Ourselves

Owning what's mine:

What part of this is truly mine to own?

What part belongs to someone else, and can I leave  
it with them?

What part belongs only to God, and will I trust him  
with it?

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# The Questions We Ask Determine The Stories We Tell Ourselves

Surrendering the outcome:

What am I still trying to control here?

What would it look like to let God have the last  
word?

What is the next faithful step I can take today, even if  
I can't see the whole road?

# The Questions We Ask Determine The Stories We Tell Ourselves

Turning:

What do I need to stop doing?

What do I need to say out loud, to God or to  
someone I've hurt?

What do I need to make right?

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# The Questions We Ask Determine The Stories We Tell Ourselves

“Not ‘Why me?’...but ‘What now, God?’”

“Not ‘Who did this?’...but ‘Who is God  
making me in the midst of this?’”

“Not ‘How do I get out of this?’...but ‘How  
do I walk through this?’”

# The Questions We Ask Determine The Stories We Tell Ourselves



## Testimonies

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# Proverbs 28



13 He who **CONCEALS** his sins will **NOT SUCCEED**;  
he who **CONFESSES AND ABANDONS** them will  
**GAIN MERCY**.

לֹא יֵצֵא – lo yatzli'ach  
will not advance,  
prosper, succeed.

מָכַסַּהּ – mechaseh  
to cover,  
hide

יֶרֶחַם – yerucham  
[a mother's womb]  
receive tender  
compassion and love

מִדָּה עֹזֵב – modeh  
v'ozev  
to hold out  
your hand and  
relinquish