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*“DWELLING IN ERETZ ISRAEL IS EQUIVALENT TO
ALL THE MITZVOT OF THE TORAH” (SIFREI, PARASHAT REE)*

**MAKE UP YOUR MIND: DO YOU WANT MONEY AND
BODY OR DO YOU WANT SPIRIT AND SOUL?**

It once happened with a student of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, that traveled outside Eretz Israel and came back wealthy, the other students saw this and were jealous, and it became known to Rabbi Shimon. Then he took the students to the valley that was in front of Meron and he prayed and said: “Valley, Valley: Fill me with coins of gold” the Valley started producing coins of gold in front of their eyes. Rabbi Shimon said to them: “If you want gold, here it is, take it, but you must know, he who takes now, he takes from his portion of the World to Come, for the reward of the Torah is only for the World to Come

Shemot Rabba 52

And as to you, who could have returned to the Land like them, yet you delayed coming here because of your love of money, and you worried about your money and your bodies, and you made them into your main focus, and your souls and spirits you treated like a secondary thing, therefore you remain physical, measure for measure.

Rabbi Avraham Azulai Sefer Chessed LeAvraham, Maayan 3 Nahar 22

For a day comes” in which a man will throw his gods of silver, and his desire for the pleasures of the world, and his gods of gold, his lust for money, and they will come to Eretz Israel for it is in you hands, only that you are tied down by the mud of lust for the vanities of this world

Rabbi Shlomo ha Levi Alkabetz

Every Jew has to resolve in his heart to go up to live in Eretz Israel...And truthfully it is an astonishment upon Israel that in every place Jews were stringent regarding the details of various Mitzvot, they spend great amounts of money in order to observe the Mitzvot, and why do you delay and abandon this beloved Mitzvah, a handle on which all the Torah depends?

Rabbi Yaakov Emden

Please Hashem, Be good to Me according to Your will, and grant me with compassion and kindness and as a free gift, that I will soon merit to come to Eretz Israel, to the Eretz ha Keddosha, the Land our forefathers inherited, the Land which all the authentic Tzaddikim, wished with all their soul and desired to be there, and most of them came there... (Tefillah of Rebbe Nachman of Bresslov)