

THE HOLINESS OF THE EYES

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IS YOUR RABBI ORTHODOX OR REFORM? THE TRUTH ABOUT LOOKING AT WOMEN

*The majority thinks that the prohibition to look at women is only for pious or saintly people. It is forbidden to listen to their words
(Derech Pikudecha, 35 Lo Taase)*

THE REWARD FOR THOSE WHO GUARD THEIR EYES FROM LOOKING INTO FORBIDDEN THINGS

- 1- He becomes a chariot [Merkava] to the Shechina, and he is considered as if had offered all the sacrifices (The Chida, Avodat ha Kodesh, Tzipporen Shamir, 9:128)
- 2- When he prays to the Holy One Blessed be He, He listens to his prayers, He answers him in his time of need (The Chida, ibid)
- 3- The force of his holiness and of his labor endures for ever, for him and for his descendants (Yesod Tzaddik, Chap 3)
- 4- He will merit to enjoy the pleasantness of the Most Holy, the King of Kings the Holy One Blessed be He, his eyes will behold this beauty in the supernal worlds. (Beer Moshe, Parashat Bo)
- 5- He will merit to be among the most elevated in the future, among the Tzaddikim and the holy ones of the land through whose merit the world stands, and will feel the brilliance of the holiness of the Bet ha Mikdash when it will be built anew (Yesod Tzaddik, Chap 3)

THE PERSON WILL MERIT TO HAVE GOOD SONS

- 6- He merits to behold and listen G-dly images, and to feel the essence of G-dliness. (Yetav Lev, Vayera)
- 7- He merits righteous sons and long life (Sefer Chassidim, Siman 495)
- 8- His sons will live and will not suffer from the problems that come to the world in general (Imre Kodesh, Hasref MiStralisk, 38)
- 9- He merits that his sons will author interpretation on the Torah. (Sefer ha Middot, 60)
- 10- He will merit to behold the Higher Merkava (Reshit Chochma, Shaar ha Kedusha 88:47)
- 11- He merits to keep his eyesight also in his old age (Tochachat Chayim, Achare mot)
- 12- He merits the creation of Holy and pure angels that will be united with him in the future (Yesod Tzaddik, Chap 5)
- 13- The Ayn ha Ra has no power on him and on his descendants (Berachot 20, Devash Le Fi)
- 14- He merits sustenance with abundance (Tochachat Chayim, Achare Mot)
- 15- He merits a special protection from above, that the Holy One will protect and save him (Tiferet Shelomo, Maamre Shabat)

G-D'S EYES ARE OVER THOSE WHO GUARD THEIR EYES FROM SINNING

- 16- It is written MISHLE 23:26: "My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways". Because the one who guards his eyes and his heart who are the two agents of sin, merits that the Holy One Blessed be He put His eyes and His good heart over him for Good, as it is written: "And My eyes and My heart was always there" and it is also written: "He will not remove his eyes from the Tzaddik", because through guarding the Brit and through guarding the two agents of sin, the person is on the level of Tzaddik, and measure for measure the Tzaddik merits the constant supervision of the eyes of the Holy One Blessed be He. (Sefat Emet)