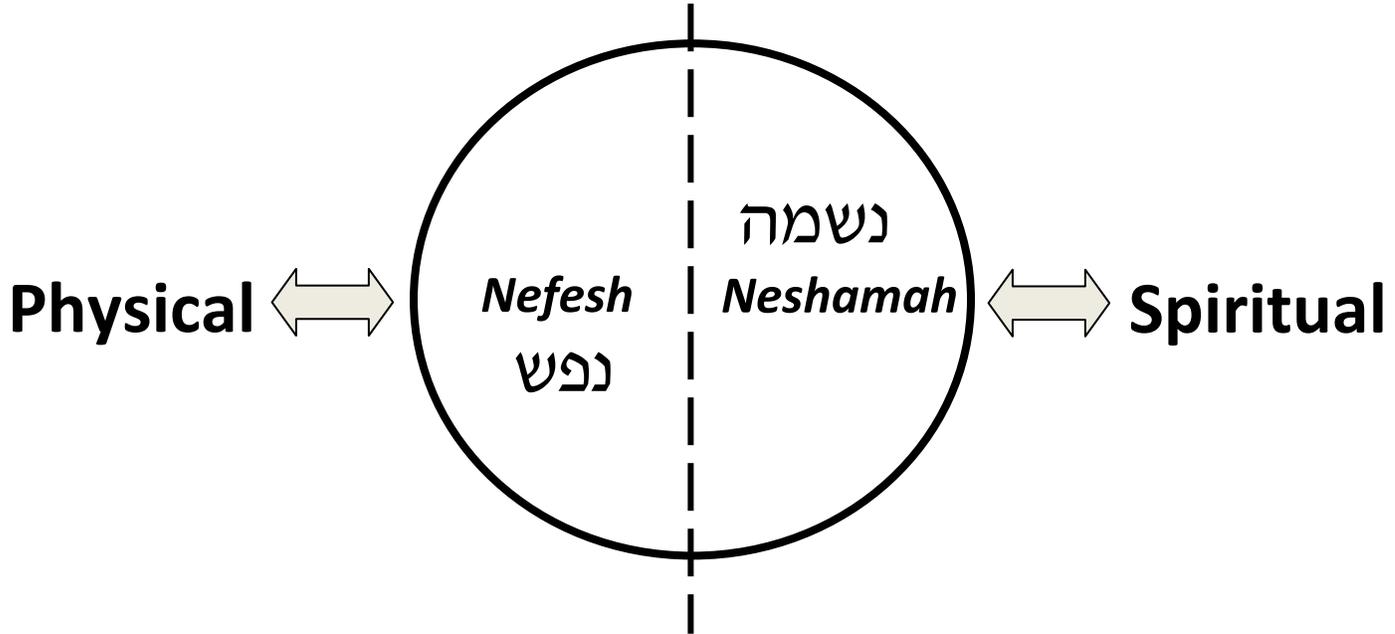


## THOUGHTS ON RIGHTEOUSNESS



***“The heart of a wise man is toward his right;  
but a fool’s heart is toward his left.”***

☞ Ecclesiastes 10:2

***“The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and  
his tongue speaks justice. The Torah of his God is  
in his heart; his steps do not slip.”***

☞ Psalm 37:30-31

***“Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are  
riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasant-  
ness, and all her paths are peace.”***

☞ Proverbs 3:16-17

***RIGHTEOUSNESS IS AN INTERNAL MATTER  
THAT PRODUCES EXTERNAL DEEDS.***

*“The evil man must constantly seek ways to reconcile the Torah of God with his own behavior since it is not his will to reconcile his way of life to the ways of God.”*

✧ R' Samson R. Hirsch

***“And he believed Adonai, and he counted it to him as righteousness.”***

✧ Genesis 15:6

***WE ARE MEANT TO BE PIPES, NOT BUCKETS.***

✧ Psalm 36:7-10 ✧

***“Your steadfast love...Your wings...the abundance of Your house...the river of Your delights...with You is the fountain of life...in Your light do we see light...Your steadfast love...Your righteousness.”***

## **A SIX STEP COURSE IN RIGHTEOUSNESS:**

### **Matthew 3:15**

*But Yeshua answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill (πληρῶσαι) all righteousness.” Then he consented.*

### **Matthew 5:6**

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

### **Matthew 5:10**

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

### **Matthew 5:20**

*For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

### **Matthew 6:1**

*Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.*

### **Matthew 6:33**

*But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

## **Responses to grace and forgiveness:**

- 1. Out of love and gratitude he determines to drive more carefully and avoid breaking the law.**
- 2. He sees his father's grace and kindness as a license to speed. In his mind, the law has been done away with.**
- 3. He minds the speed limit, but does so grudgingly and resentfully.**
- 4. He minds the speed limit but exalts himself over those who violate it and must pay fines to his father.**
- 5. He is jealous of speeders "outside the family" whom his father also forgives.**