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Parshas Vayitzei - We Need Chizuk!

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When *Yaakov* slept on *Har Hamoriah*, he had a dream of angels going up and down a ladder. The Ramban's pshat in the dream is that Hashem was telling *Yaakov* that *Hashem's* mission on earth is carried out by angels, but still, *Hashem* is "nitzav alav" - meaning that *Hashem* is the One controlling the angels and all that they do. Then *Hashem* says to *Yaakov* but you are "*Chailek Hashem*" and will protect you personally without any angels.

One may ask - why does *Hashem* need to tell *Yaakov* that *Hashem* controls the *malochim*? Did *Yaakov* not know that *Hashem* runs the world? Did he think that angels could just go around doing whatever they want?

It would seem that the reason why *Hashem* needed to be *Michazeik* *Yaakov* was because when *Hashem* is about to tell him that *Yaakov* himself will be so protected by *Hashem*, it could on an emotional level give *Yaakov* the feeling that the world and others don't have the same exact hashgacha and control by *Hashem*, perhaps *Hashem* on some level allowed the angels to decide the destiny of everyone else; *Hashem*, therefore, was *Michazeik* *Yaakov* that the world is under the full control of *Hashem* and the *malochim* are only allowed to fulfill His will exactly. We see from here that while of course we know that *Hashem* protects *Tzadikim* and we even at times seek their Blessings, at the same time we need to be *Michazeik* ourselves to fully understand, even emotionally that our lives are fully controlled by the merciful hand of Hakadosh Baruch Hu.