

CONFESSION ON A DEATH BED.

“He who confesses and forsakes his sins, will obtain mercy” (Proverbs 28. 13). Hence the solemn duty, and the atoning effect, of confession on the death-bed, if repentance had been delayed till then. The Yom Kippur Confessions, in the singular, are recited when the dying man retains consciousness and strength to do so.

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I acknowledge unto thee, O Lord my God and God of my fathers, that both my cure and my death are in thy hands. May it be thy will to send me a perfect healing. Yet if my death be fully determined by thee, I will in love accept it at thy hand. O may my death be an atonement for all the sins, iniquities and transgressions of which I have been guilty against thee. Bestow upon me the abounding happiness that is treasured up for the righteous. Make known to me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand bliss for evermore.

Thou who art the father of the fatherless and judge of the widow, protect my beloved kindred with whose soul my own is knit. Into thy hand I commend my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. Amen, and Amen!

When the end is approaching
THE LORD IS KING; THE LORD WAS KING; THE LORD SHALL BE KING FOR EVER AND EVER.

(To be said three times.)
BLESSED BE HIS NAME, WHOSE GLORIOUS KINGDOM IS FOR EVER AND EVER.

(To be said three times.)
THE LORD HE IS GOD

(To be said seven times.)
HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD IS OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE.

וידוי שכיב מרע

מוֹדָה אֲנִי לְפָנֶיךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵי וְאֱלֹהֵי
אֲבוֹתַי, שְׂרַפּוּאָתִי וּמִיתָתִי בְיָדְךָ. יְהִי
רְצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ שְׂתַרְפְּאֵנִי רְפוּאָה
שְׁלֵמָה, וְאִם הַמּוֹת כְּלָה וְנִחְרַץ מֵעַמְךָ
אֶקְחֶנּוּ מִיָּדְךָ בְּאֵהָבָה, וְתִהְיֶה מִיתָתִי
כַּפָּרָה עַל כָּל חַטָּאִים וְעוֹנוֹת וּפְשָׁעִים
שֶׁחָטָאתִי וְשָׁעוּתִי וְשִׁפְשָׁעְתִי לְפָנֶיךָ,
וְתִשְׁפִיעַ לִי מֵרַב טוֹב הַצָּפוֹן
לְצַדִּיקִים, וְתוֹדִיעֵנִי אֶרֶח חַיִּים, שְׂבַע
שְׁמַחוֹת אֶת פָּנֶיךָ, נְעִימוֹת בְּיָמֶיךָ
נְצַח.

אָבִי יְתוּמִים וְדִין אֱלֻמְנוֹת, הִגֵּן בְּעַד
קְרוֹבֵי הַיְקָרִים אֲשֶׁר נִפְשֵׁי קְשׁוּרָה
בְּנַפְשָׁם. בְּיָדְךָ אֶפְקִיד רוּחִי, פְּדִיתָהּ
אוֹתִי, יְיָ, אֵל אֱמֶת. אָמֵן וְאָמֵן.

בשעת יציאת הנשמה:

יְיָ מֶלֶךְ. יְיָ מֶלֶךְ, יְיָ מֶלֶךְ, יְיָ יְמֶלֶךְ

(To be said three times.) לְעֹלָם וָעֶד.

בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעֹלָם וָעֶד. *(To*

be said three times.)

יְיָ הוּא הָאֱלֹהִים.

(To be said seven times.)

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד.