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Convinced that Musar was the effective means for acquiring the fear of G-d, R. Israel dedicated his whole life to its study. He further deduced moral lessons and reproof from every event and object. Delving to the utmost depths of a subject in halachic literature, he would extract all manner of moral ideas and conclusions, even from topics apparently in no way connected with the fear of G-d. He was dealing with the passage, "Captives are not to be ransomed for more than their value, for the public benefit" (i.e. to prevent abuse). Suddenly he became visibly affected and burst into bitter weeping."

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