

PARSHAS EIKEV

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PARSHAH OVERVIEW



Moshe continues his farewell address to the Jews. He explains to them the importance of observing even seemingly "minor" commandments. He reviews the events of the Jewish people's 40-year journey through the desert, teaching various important lessons along the way.



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PARSHAH STATS

Pesukim - 111

Words - 1,747

Letters - 6,865

Mitzvos - 8



GEMATRIA



The gematria of מה - What - in the phrase מה ה' אלקיך שאל מעמך is 45, which happens to be the same as the gematria of אדם, or man.

The job of man is to focus not on the WHYs and HOWs of life, but rather on the WHATs of life. Be a doer!

THOUGHTS IN CHASSIDUS

Sfas Emes makes a stunning observation: By the Luchos, it says פסל לך - Carve for yourself, yet by Avoda Zara it says לא תעשה לך פסל, stating לך before פסל. The idea is that when you put yourself first instead of G-d, that is idolatry. A yid is meant to put G-d first and then לך, yourself.



DID YOU KNOW



On July 30, 1956, the 84th Congress passed a joint resolution "declaring 'IN GOD WE TRUST' the national motto of the United States." The resolution passed both the House and the Senate unanimously and without debate.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

Just as God effaces Himself to make space for mankind, so we efface ourselves to make space for God

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks zt"l

QUICK VORT

The Torah tells us (10:12): מה ה' אלקיך שאל מעמך - What does Hashem ask of you?

The verse continues: כי אם ליראה - only to fear Hashem...

Perhaps, on some level, we can understand the question of "What does Hashem ask of you?" as containing the answer as well!

Hashem asks of you מה - to focus on the WHAT.

Many times, we focus on the WHYs of life. Why this? Why that? But the Torah is educating us with a recipe for success in life.

Instead of focusing on the past and questioning with WHY and HOW, real successful people ask WHAT.

What will I do in this situation?
What can I do in this situation?
What am I capable of now? Etc.

Have a holy Shabbos!