



Table Talk Parshat Vaera: *Special Leadership Series*

שמות ז':י"ט

וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל־מֹשֶׁה אֲמַר אֶל־אַהֲרֹן קח מִטֶּבֶל
וַנִּטֶּה־יָדְךָ עַל־מֵי־מִצְרַיִם עַל־נְהָרָתָם וְעַל־
יְאֻרֵיהֶם וְעַל־אֲגַמֵּיהֶם וְעַל־כָּל־מִקְוֵה מֵימֵיהֶם
וְהָיְיוּ־לָדָם וְהָיָה דָם בְּכָל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם וּבְעֵצִים
וּבְאֲבָנִים:

Exodus 7:19

And Hashem said to Moshe, "Say to Aaron: Take your rod and hold out your arm over the waters of Egypt—its rivers, its canals, its ponds, all its bodies of water—that they may turn to blood; there shall be blood throughout the land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and stone."

רש"י על שמות ז':י"ט:א'

אמר אל אהרן. לפי שהגן הנאור על משה
כשנשלה לתוכו, לפיכך לא לקה על ידו לא בדם
ולא בצפרדעים, ולקח על ידי אהרן (שמות
רבה):

Rashi on Exodus 7:19:1

SAY UNTO AARON — Because the river had protected Moshe when he was cast into it, therefore it was not smitten by him neither at the plague of blood nor at that of frogs, but it was smitten by Aaron (Exodus Rabbah 9:10).

גור אריה על שמות ז':י"ט:א'

לפי שהגין וכו'. ללמדך דרך ארץ, בירא דשתית
מיניה אל תשדי ביה קלא (ב"ק צב ע"ב), לפיכך
אין ראוי להיות נלקה על ידו:

Gur Aryeh on Shemot 7:19:1

This teaches us appropriate behavior; do not throw soil into the well from which you drank. Therefore, it was not appropriate for it [the Nile] to be smitten through him.

"Remembering where you came from, what you've been through and what you have felt leads to a better understanding of other people and situations. A better understanding leads to success."

- Cindy Lee (Executive Assistant Leader Development Institute)

Let's Talk!

Why does Aharon carry out the plague of blood instead of Moshe?

What do we learn about Moshe from this?

Why is it important to remember experiences that you have gone through?

Focus on leadership:

Why is it important for leaders to remember where they came from?

How does that help them understand other people better?



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