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רְאֵה אָנֹכִי נֹתֵן לִפְנֵיכֶם הַיּוֹם בְּרָכָה וּקְלָלָה: פי״א פכ״ו

Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse. {11:26}

The word שמע - 'listen' - is not used, but rather the Torah uses the word ראה - 'see'. One need not have blind faith to understand and believe. Rather, one can see with one's own eyes, and feel with one's own hands the blessings given by Hashem for obeying, and the curses if we do not obey the laws of the Torah. One does not need to rely on "hearsay evidence". Look around what happens in the world, and you will see. – Menachem Tzion

"**Re'ey** Anochi Noisein Lifneichem", see that I have given before you (11:26). All the Meforshim ask, why does the Posuk start in the singular and end in the plural? The Kotzker Rebbe answers as follows. The Posuk refers to two experiences of the Torah. "Noisein", the giving of the Torah and "Re'ey", the seeing and understanding. **When** it comes to the giving of the Torah, it was given to everyone in Klall Yisroel together. It belongs to all of us and we are all responsible to learn it. However, when it comes to the actual learning, each person is an individual. Each person must plumb the depths with all the talents bestowed on him. He cannot satisfy himself with a level of knowledge of the average man. "Visein Chelkeinu BiSorosechoh", each person has his own Cheilek that he is responsible for.

שְׁמֹר וְשָׁמַעְתָּ אֵת כָּל הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוֶּךָּ לְמַעַן יִיטַב לְךָ וּלְבָנֶיךָ אַחֲרֶיךָ עַד עוֹלָם כִּי תַעֲשֶׂה הַטּוֹב וְהַיָּשָׁר בְּעֵינֵי ה׳ אֱלֹקֶיךָ: דברים פי״ב פכ״ח

Observe and hear all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you, and with your children after you forever, when you do that which is good and right in the eyes of Hashem your G-d.{12: 28}

What does the word all come to tell us? This informs us that a minor commandment should be as beloved to you as a major commandment. – Sifrie

וְלֹא יִדְבַּק בְּיָדְךָ מְאוּמָה מִן הַחֵרֶם לְמַעַן יָשׁוּב ה׳ מֵחֲרוֹן אַפּוֹ וְנָתַן לְךָ רַחֲמִים וְרִחַמְךָ וְהִרְבֶּךָ כַּאֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע לַאֲבֹתֶיךָ: דברים פי״ג פי״ח

And nothing of that which was devoted to destruction shall remain in your hand; that Hashem may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and show you mercy, and have compassion upon you, and multiply you, as he has sworn to your fathers. {13:18}

Rebbi Gamliel the son of Rebbi says: "and He will show you mercy and be merciful towards you" - this teaches that anyone who shows mercy to others is shown mercy from Shomayim {Heaven}, and anyone who does not show mercy to others is not shown any mercy from Shomayim." – Talmud Bavli, Shabbos 151:

Personally, I was Zoche [merited] to eat many Shabbos Seudos at the table of the Tzaddik **Reb** Zalmen Brizel ZT"L, a Pinsk Karliner Chossid in Yerusholayim. The whole Parsha Chumash and Rashi, was the entrance obligation. At the Seudah he gave everyone their individual Kiddush, Challos and a full Seudah. At the Seudah he would exclaim, "Kinderlach nisht iberlozen fun der Shabbosdigeh macholim, di Shabbosdigeh macholim zenin nisht azoy vi di macholim fun ah gantzeh voch ["children please do not leave over from the Shabbos food, the Shabos food is not like the food of the whole week]. Tzadikim raised seemingly ordinary actions, to a higher level.

Rav Chaim Brim, ZT"L was once invited to speak at an event. The speaker who preceded R' Chaim at the event used notes that he referred to as he spoke. Rav Chaim was then called up to speak, and he also referred to his notes as he spoke. When he finished speaking and left the podium, he forgot to take his notes with him. **When** the event was over, someone straightened up the room and he found the notes which R' Chaim Brim had left at the podium. To his puzzlement, he saw that the "notes" was a blank piece of paper. After a few minutes of thought, he realized what had occurred. Rav Chaim was known for his exquisite sensitivity to the feelings of others. When he had observed that the first speaker had referred to notes as he spoke, he had feared that he would embarrass him if he then spoke without notes. Therefore, he decided to refer to his "notes" as he spoke as well.

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