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## This Week's News

Shabbos Parshas Behar, 5768 – Pirkei Avos chapter 3

This week's Torah portion name, Behar, meaning in the mountain, a reference to the details in the Torah portion were all instructed to Moses on Mount Sinai.

Why was this name chosen to be representative of the portion; the portion doesn't discuss Mount Sinai or the revelation of G-d on Mount Sinai? The portion talks about property law during Sabbatical and Jubilee years, etc. Seemingly it would make more sense to call the portion, Sabbatical or Jubilee.

Rashi the basic Torah commentator addresses this enigma. He sees the name Bahar as the underlying bedrock for the pyramid of Torah. Without one's rudimentary belief that all of Torah was given to Moshe on Mount Sinai as Divine instruction, the edifice, the details of Torah are shaky.

The word Behar alludes to the reason one should commit to Torah; G-d not rational. Some argue, Torah is fine because it is an intellectual doctrine with emotional appeal and practical positive results. Behar teaches that this isn't the reason for Torah acceptance. If the reason for Torah obedience was rational, we don't need Torah because there are other disciplines that are rational, emotional and practical.

Torah is exclusive in its core. G-d says to Jews, follow the Torah because I said so, that's it. G-d says to the Gentiles, follow the seven laws of mankind because I said so not because they make sense.

In our own life, a steadfast commitment to a spouse, family, friends and others depends on selfless dedication without quid pro quid.

Shalom and good Shabbos,

Rabbi Faivish Dalfin

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