

## בהר – בחוקותי

In the beginning of פרשת בחוקותי , the Torah details for us the ברכות we will receive if we listen to Hashem and follow his מצוות . Hashem says “I will place my Bais Hamikdash amongst you; ולא תגעל נפשי אתכם – and my spirit will not be disgusted by you. This seems kind of strange to be listed as a “reward” for keeping תורה and מצוות. Shouldn't we receive a reward for listening to Hashem, and not just that Hashem won't reject us? Furthermore, If indeed we are מקיים the תורה , why would Hashem be disgusted with us?

Rav Moshe Feinstein זצ"ל explains that herein lies a very important לימוד . Even when a איד is learning Torah and doing mitzvos he must always be concerned that he may not be doing enough. Is he learning and utilizing his time adequately? Is he davening with enough kavanah? Is he fulfilling the mitzva as well as he could? It is an affront to Hakodosh Boruch Hu when a person is content with what he does even when it falls short of his potential. This in itself could be a reason, ו"ח for Hashem to be disgusted with us.

We must always strive to do our utmost. We must constantly ask ourselves if we gave it our all. To stress this point, the possuk tells us that even when keeping the Torah it is possible that Hashem could still ו"ח reject us.

In our current situation one could placate himself with what he does, even when he is actually capable of much much more. Let us take this lesson to heart and constantly strive to serve Hashem with all our kochos and to fulfill our potential. By doing so may we zoche במהרה to ונתתי משכני בתוכם .