



Parshas Va'era 2018, the long-term drive

This week's Parsha Perspective is dedicated in memory of Shlomo Ben Edward and Edward Ben Shaul. May their souls be uplifted and their memories a blessing.

This week's Parsha Perspective is also in honor of Fayga Sarah bas Gittel, Sasson Betzalel ben Batya, and Sapir Bas Ariela. May they have a quick and complete recovery.

Our Parsha begins with G-d revealing one of His most holy names to Moshe Rabbeinu, a name that He did not reveal to even our forefathers. G-d tells Moshe that He heard the Jewish people's cries and will avenge the Jewish nation and take them out of Egypt.

This week's Parsha contains seven of the ten plagues that G-d struck the Egyptians with *Blood, Frogs, Lice, Wild animals, Death of cattle, Boils, and Fiery Hail*. Each plague's cycle lasted one month. Moshe and Aaron would warn Pharaoh about the upcoming plague for the first three weeks, which would last one week.

However, a question comes to mind: By each plague, it says that G-d hardened Pharaoh's heart or that Pharaoh hardened his own heart. Each time, he denied Moshe and the Jewish people their freedom. But Moshe still went to warn Pharaoh before each plague with the same passion.

The same spirit he had the first time G-d commanded him to relay his message of freedom to Pharaoh. Each time knowing that he will not be achieving his goal just yet. What was Moshe's secret that enabled him to keep the same enthusiasm when seemingly not accomplishing his objective?!

To answer this question, we need to understand that G-d decided how the Jewish people would attain their freedom through the ten plagues. He wanted the world to know how much He loved the Jewish people, His chosen nation. He wanted to demonstrate to all the steps He would take to defend them. G-d created a strategy that would take a while to implement but would have an everlasting effect on the world.

Moshe, G-d's chosen leader, understood that there was a process in place with which the Jewish people would obtain their freedom. Thus, when he was commanded to carry out apparent futile tasks, he approached them with the same enthusiasm as he would accomplish his actual goal.

He kept the vision and trusted the process, even though he could not physically see the end game. He had the ultimate trust in G-d and was rewarded with the title of עֶבֶד נֶאֱמָן - **a faithful servant**, which gives us a clear description of his lofty and moral character.

In our daily life, we must understand that if we want to achieve ultimate success, we must go through the motions, whether we want to or not. It is imperative to realize that to reach success, we must follow the process, even if the end game is so far away it is impossible to see it.

For example, if you would like to become a doctor, lawyer, or engineer, it will take many years of study. Some of the subjects will seem unnecessary to your career, yet they are essential to your profession. Even if you do not know-how or see the reason. Therefore you must tackle them with the same passion as the others because they are equally as impactful.

"Holding the vision and trusting the process, will lead you to unparalleled success."

*Have a meaningful Shabbos,
Rabbi Sholom Yemini*