

BILVAVI

BUILDING A SANCTUARY IN THE HEART

לחיות את הפרשה

CHUKAS #454

זאת חקת התורה אשר צִוָּה ה' לֵאמֹר וגו' (במדבר יט, ב)

"This is the statute-*chok* of the Torah which Hashem commanded, saying..." (Bamidbar 19:2)

ACCEPTING THE CHUKIM

There are concepts that are logical and make sense to a person, and there are concepts that are beyond a person's ability to comprehend. For the matters one doesn't comprehend, one has to accept them with *emunah* and *temimus*.

IN PRACTICE

It is impossible for a human being to fully understand anything because creation is "very deep, who can grasp it?" (Koheles 7:24). Therefore, for every topic, one will need to arouse the light of *emunah*. With his *emunah* that he is constantly arousing within himself, it will be easier for him to accept the "statutes" - *chukim*, matters that he doesn't understand at all, and to believe that

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BELIEVING IN THE STATUTES-CHUKIM

People carry many questions in their hearts. They ask: "Why must I suffer poverty, while people who are less righteous than me have *parnassah* in abundance?"

"I prayed for good children, why do I have a child who is struggling with his *Yiddishkeit*?" and so on.

There are also *mitzvos* that we don't understand their logic and reason.

We must believe that although we don't understand, it is Hashem's will, and it is all true and good.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

To develop the *emunah* that everything is true, one should reflect on Hashem's endless wisdom, as it states "very deep, who can grasp it?" (Koheles 7:24). Contemplate the wonders of creation- there is no end to its wonders. Contemplate the wonders and depths of Torah. Whenever we encounter something that doesn't make sense to us, instead of doubting its veracity, believe that there is immense wisdom and goodness there, only it is beyond our present perception. From the concepts we understand, we learn to believe in the factors that are beyond our comprehension.

With this repeated *emunah*, we train ourselves to believe also in those *mitzvos*, and *l'havdil*, life situations, that we don't understand, at all (*chukim*). We know that it is all true, profound, and always good.

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