

BILVAVI

BUILDING A SANCTUARY IN THE HEART

לחיות את הפרשה שמיני אטזרס

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שִׁבְעַת יָמִים תִּקְרִיבוּ אֶשָּׁה לַה' בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁמִינִי מִקְרָא קֹדֶשׁ יִהְיֶה לָכֶם וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם אֶשָּׁה לַה' עֲצֻרַת הוּא כָּל מְלָאכָת עֲבֹדָה לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ (ויקרא כג, לו)

"For a seven day period, you shall bring a fire offering to Hashem. On the eighth day, it shall be a holy occasion for you, and you shall bring a fire offering to Hashem. It is a day of stopping. You shall not perform any work of labor." (Vayikra 23:36)

STOP PURSUING THE DESCENT OF THE LAST GENERATION

The translation of עצרת is to stop, and we should stop falling into the bad ways of the last generation, and instead, to connect with the root of purity.

IN PRACTICE

We must connect with purity, and even if it is just a drop of purity. Otherwise, there is no hope for man, because he follows the ways of his generation.

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TO STOP THE DESCENT

The translation of עצרת is to stop. We have to stop the spiraling descent of depravity of the world, which increases in each generation.

The world is constantly becoming worse. What people said was bad yesterday, today they consider it good. A person has to learn to say "No," to stop this descent, otherwise, he will fall together with the world in the cycles of spiritual and moral decline, there will be no hope for him.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

A drop of purity is precious, and we have to grab on to whatever speck of purity we can grasp. Without it, there is no hope for man. When you see that the world is decaying, and you remember aspects of the purity that existed in the past, make sure to say "No" to this vicious cycle of descent. Regain the purity of the past – even if it is a small amount of purity. That will save you.

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