

## *True Donations*

### *Trumah 644*

הרמז בי"ג דברים של נדבת המשכן לי"ג בקשות בתפלת שמ"ע. והם כל דברים הנצרכים לאדם וצרכים להעלותם לשורשם. וע"ז ניתקן התפלות שאין המכוון רק למלאות משאלות המתפלל רק שצריך להיות רצון האדם להעלות כל משאלותיו להיות נזכרים לפני הש"י. ובוה שמעלה כל הרצונות אליו. עי"ז זוכין לדביקות עליון. וז"ש ויקחו לי תרומה פי' על האדם עצמו להתעלות לדבוק בו ית'. רק העצה ע"י אשר ידבנו לבו כנ"ל. שמעלה הרצונות שלו אליו ית'. ועוד יותר במעשה ממש. וזאת התרומה זהב כסף כו' ע"י כל זאת ושכנתי בתוכם:

In this week's Parsha the Moshe is commanded to receive the donations of the Jewish people. There were 13 different materials donated by the Jews. The Sefas Emes says that these 13 materials are the 13 Brachos in Shemonah Esreh which to ask Hashem for specific needs, called Bakashos. These thirteen Bakashos are the essential needs of a person. A person must learn to elevate these needs back to their supernal roots. This means that a person needs to see that Tefillah is not merely to fulfill certain needs which they have, rather it is to ask Hashem for these

things. This paradigm shift returns all of a person's desires back to Hashem. This causes the highest form of clinging to Hashem.

However in order to experience this, a person has to take the advice of the Pasuk (25:2), "Take for me Trumah (A donation)"- (*The Sefas Emes rereads the Pasuk as Take me-raise yourself!*) How can one do this? "Donate your heart" (*literally read of benevolent heart, but it also can mean give your heart.*) By giving over your desires, your heart to Hashem, you up lift your desires. (*By the recognition of Tefillah not as a means merely to fill those things which are missing in life, but the thing which is missing most is Hashem's presence in your life. This is why the most important part of the Bakashos is not what we are Davenning for, rather it is who we are Davenning to. RB*)

The Sefas Emes explains that a person can elevate their desires even more by actions. This is why the Pasuk (25:3) says- these are the things which you must give (*the act of giving causes an even greater level of connecting as was seen in the Mishkan. This is why the Jews donated materials, which caused Hashem to dwell amongst us*) and I will dwell amongst you.

## *Practical Advice*

*The most important part of the Tefillah is not what you are asking for, rather it is who you are asking. In your Tefillos, emphasize to yourself that you are Davenning to Hashem, and that is the thing which you seek the most.*