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In Parshas Re'eh the Mitzvah of Ha'anakah is written,
When a master sets his servant free, parting gifts must be given.
Only when the master is a Jew, does the Mitzvah apply,
The master must give a gift that grows or animals that multiply.

The reason for this Mitzvah says the Sifri,
Is that Hashem gave us gifts when He took us out of Egyptian slavery.
Hashem instructed that every Jew should borrow gold, silver and garments from their neighbor,
And at the sea, Yidden collected gold, silver and diamonds that were washed up from the water.

Another example is brought by Reb Levi Yitzchak, the Rebbe's father,
Yosef received Ha'anakah when he was freed and became the second to the ruler.
Hashem gave him Ha'anakah by sending Malach Gavriel to teach him languages seventy,
Pharaoh gave him a signet ring, gold chain, garments, and Potifar's daughter, Osnas, to marry.

The question that comes to mind,
Is that we find,
That the gifts after being redeemed from Mitzrayim and Yosef's Ha'anakah,
Don't exactly follow the specific details of the Halacha.

The explanation is that there are two perspectives to consider,
The perspective of the servant and the perspective of the master.
The Halachos of Ha'anakah are the gifts that are required to be given by the Jewish master,
His gifts that multiply, remind the former servant of his master's appreciation for longer.

But in order for the servant to start his life anew,
 He needs to FEEL completely free which is what the gifts help him do!
 To the servant it doesn't matter as much who the gifts are from or what they are,
 The more he has the more he feels that he can succeed and go far.

There are a few Pesukim that speak about Ha'anakah in our Parsha,
 First the Torah tells us the obligation of the master and the minimum amount of the Ha'anakah.
 Then the Torah teaches us to do more by following Hashem's example after He set us free,
 We should give double Ha'anakah with an open hand until the servant feels free completely!

For Yosef the Ha'anakah that was the best,
 Was his knowledge of the 70 languages, so that his rulership no one could contest.
 Osnas was the daughter of his previous master,
 Marrying her and receiving Pharaoh's gifts also made him feel freer.

To serve Hashem there are two ways,
 The Eved Canani serves Hashem with Bitul all his days,
 He forces himself to do what is right,
 His identity is not in sight.

The Eved Ivri serves Hashem with pleasure,
 His service doesn't just affect his outside behavior,
 With his inner emotions he is serving,
 But his Bittul is lacking.

Our goal is to be an Eved Ivri but to include the Bitul of the Eved Canani,
 The Eved Canani usually isn't set free because Bitul is needed constantly.
 After six years the Eved Ivri is set free and gets Ha'anakah too,
 A revelation of Chochma and Bina which raises us to a level of passion for Hashem that is new.

To the Galus so hard, the six years compare,
 The seventh compares to the Geula which is so near,
 Just like on the sixth day we taste from every Shabbos dish,
 To start getting a taste of our Ha'anakah today is our wish!
