

ONE POINT*from***לקוטי שיחות חלק טו, שיחה ג לפרשת וירא**

~ In memory of Rebbetzin Chave Hecht ז"ל אלימלך ז"ל ~

Use these words to fill in the blanks:*** Hashem * believe * food * forced * praised * understand *****IN THE PASRHA:**

אברהם planted an "אֶשֶׁל", through which he brought people to recognize and praise _____.
 When the guests would thank and praise אברהם for the food he had given them, he would tell them that they had not eaten his food, but rather **Hashem's** food, and should thank **Him**.
 If they refused, he would demand that they pay him a high price for the _____ (for after all, there was nowhere else they could they find such food in the desert).
 When they heard this, they would do as אברהם had taught them, and praise and thank Hashem.

QUESTION:

It appears that these guests only praised Hashem because they were _____ to, being the only way to avoid having pay for the food.
 What did אברהם accomplish by getting them to say words that they didn't seem to _____?

ANSWER:

Just as אברהם himself came to an understanding that Hashem created and runs the world, he also taught his guests about Hashem in a way that they could _____.
 However, some people were arrogant and stubborn, and didn't listen to אברהם.
 When אברהם presented them with a big bill, they were suddenly in an uncomfortable situation, and felt a bit humbled. Now, they were able to rethink what אברהם had explained to them, and understood that he was right, and they were convinced of what he had told them.
 So when they now praised Hashem, they were not doing so only because they were being **forced** to. Rather, the pressure that אברהם put on them pushed them to rethink and **understand** that what he was saying was true. Then, they _____ Hashem.

Further discussion:

- Which story about the Rebbe Rashab does the Rebbe explain in a similar way?
 (See שיחה ג in the אותיות ג-ז)



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