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The Yidden came to Moshe and said,
 "To spy out the land let us send men ahead,"
 Moshe asked Hashem what to do,
 Hashem said, "Shelach Lecha," it's up to you.

But Moshe would never make his own decision,
 Hashem did give permission for this mission.
 "Moshe sent them... according to the word of Hashem," the Passuk does say,
 Since we shouldn't rely on miracles, sending the spies was okay.

Why did Hashem leave the matter up to Moshe entirely?
 Since the spies were chosen by Moshe and were worthy,
 How did they change so drastically,
 To fail in their mission and cause death and tragedy?

The explanation that is given,
 Is that there are two ways to serve our Father in heaven,
 They are found in the promise that we made at the Sinai mountain,
 "Naaseh Venishma - we will do and we will listen."

When serving Hashem, the foundation is to do whatever Hashem does command,
 But Hashem also wants us to listen and understand,
 Hashem already told the Yidden that the land was prosperous and great,
 But He wanted that with their own minds, the land they should appreciate.

There were two goals to their mission,

1. About how to practically conquer the land they had to gather information,
 2. The spies were told to be courageous and risk their lives,
- To bring fruit that the Yidden could see with their eyes.

Hashem wanted that sending spies should be Moshe's decision,
 So that on their own the Yidden could reach the conclusion,
 That over their enemies they would be victorious,
 And they would be motivated to go from seeing fruit that was so tremendous.

The mistake of the Meraglim is that after collecting true information,
 They added, "We cannot ascend," which was their own conclusion,
 To find out the easiest way that Eretz Yisrael could be conquered was their mission,
 Whether it was possible to enter the land or not was not up to them to determine.

From the name of the Parsha - Shelach, a lesson we must take,
 So that the same mistake we shouldn't make,
 When we use our intellect to serve Hakadosh Baruch Hu,
 We do it because that is what Hashem wants of me and you!

We can't mix in our personal feelings and pleasure,
 We must have faith and be true to Moshe Rabeinu, our sender,
 In this way we will successfully play our role,
 We will bring Moshiach by not losing sight of our goal!
