

ONE POINT

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לקוטי שיחות חלק טו, שיחה א לפרשת ויצא

Use these words to fill in the blanks:

*** וּפְרִצַת * east * north * south * west ***

IN THE PARSHA:

In this פרשה we learn of a special ברכה (that ד' gave to יעקב).

יעקב was told: ימה, וקדמה, צפונה, ונגבה _____ . "You will spread out to the w_____ and to the e_____ and to the n_____ and to the s_____ " - with no limit.

The גמרא says that this gift – a limitless inheritance (נחלה בלי מצרים) – is given to one who delights in שבת.

QUESTION:

We know that ד' rewards מדה כנגד מדה, measure for measure.

What is the connection between the delight of שבת and this unique ברכה?

ANSWER:

When it comes to **doing** a מצוה, there can be a difference between different people, and how they perform the מצוה. (When putting on תפלין, for example, a simple person's mind and heart are not the same as those of great צדיקים)

However, when it comes to resting from מלאכה, שבת, **not doing** anything, there is no difference between different people. All people are alike in this regard.

Since not doing מלאכה on שבת is a "limitless" מצוה, as it is the same for everyone, the reward is also limitless, a נחלה בלי מצרים.

Research question:

- This שיחה is actually based on a מאמר ד"ה והי' זרעך that the Rebbe said 60 years ago, on שי"פ ויצא, תשכ"ב, חג.
- How many מאמרים did the Rebbe say in that Farbrengen?