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A person who has no money,
And sells himself as a servant to a Gentile temporarily,
"He shall have redemption,
By one of his brothers, uncle or cousin,
Or a relative from his family,
Or if he gets the money, redeemed he shall be."

From the order we see,
That the closest relative is first in line to set him free,
If the person who sold himself gets the money that is necessary,
Then he should redeem himself obviously.

Seemingly, it would have made sense to first mention,
That he should take care of his own redemption,
Additionally, why is there no mention of the father,
Who is a closer relative than a brother?

We can answer this question,
By zooming out and getting a bigger picture of this Torah portion,
The Parsha speaks about the downfall financially,
Of a person who doesn't keep the Mitzvah of Shmita properly.

First he will have to sell his possessions that are movable,
Then he will fall lower until he sells himself to a Gentile,
And worse yet, "to the Eiker of a Gentile family,"
Which means that to look after their idol will be his duty.

It is not just a loss of money that the Passuk is talking about,
 It is a relationship with Hashem that needs help, without a doubt.
 How did he end up falling into such a low situation?
 It is because he forgot about his Father in heaven.

The highest level of the Jewish soul is Chochmah,
 Which is called Father and is the source for our Emunah,
 When his faith asleep, he cannot see,
 That even a small sin separates him from Hashem's unity.

When Yidden had been forced to bow to idols, throughout history,
 To give up their lives, even the sinners were ready,
 Because the Chochmah in their souls woke up and they made the decision,
 That to be separated from Hashem, for even a second, wasn't a question.

This is the reason,
 That "father" the Passuk doesn't mention,
 Because in this case his level of "father" isn't shining,
 And therefore he is struggling.

But a Yid is never entirely disconnected from Hashem's Unity
 At Har Sinai we became Hashem's servants for all eternity,
 Therefore "he shall have redemption," for certainty,
 If his relatives don't redeem him, in the Yovel year he is set free!

The reason that freeing oneself is the last option written,
 Is because "A prisoner can't free himself from prison."
 A close and caring relative must come and help him come to the realization,
 That he is a servant of Hashem and then on his own he can experience redemption!

BeHar Sinai is the name of the Parsha and the introduction,
 To tell us that to protect ourselves from falling there is one solution,
 Learning Torah gives us the power,
 Not to fall when we are working within nature.

Not only will we have redemption,
 But the entire land will have an elevation,
 Until a Shabbos for Hashem the land shall rest,
 And everyone will see that serving Hashem is the best!
