

פרשת משפטים**ONE POINT** from

לקוטי שיחות חלק טז, שיחה ב לפרשת משפטים

Use these words to fill in the blanks:* *ear* * *wealth* * *עבד עברי* * *מצוה* * *הר סיני* ***In the Parsha:**

In the beginning of פרשת משפטים we learn the laws of an _____, a Jewish slave who was sold by בית דין. This could happen in the rare and unfortunate event that a Jew stole, and then had no money to pay for what he stole.

Question:

Why is this the 1st _____ discussed in the 1st פרשה after תורה מתן?

In addition to being a very rare מצוה, it was also not realistic for a Jew to become a slave at that time, since every Jew left מצרים and סוף קריעת ים סוף with tremendous _____!

So why isn't the 1st מצוה something more common and relevant to them at that time?

Answer:

The Mitzvah of עבד עברי is the 1st first in this פרשה because in this מצוה itself we see a special and direct connection with תורה מתן at הר סיני.

If the slave wants to stay after 6 years, his _____ is pierced, and he stays until יובל.

The reason his **ear** is pierced, is because he didn't **listen** to what he heard at הר סיני.

The reason this is the 1st מצוה in פרשת משפטים is because the laws of this מצוה show a direct connection to the giving of the תורה at _____.

Further discussion:

- In explaining what עבד עברי means, why does רש"י also quote the words *כי תקנה*? (See *שיחה* in אותיות ד, ז).