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## Vayikra, Sicha 1

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Why do young children begin their Torah study,  
With the book of Vayikra specifically?

"The young children are pure and the Korbanos are pure," Rabbi Assi answers,  
"Let the pure ones come and occupy themselves with pure matters."

In the Torah the term "pure" we don't find,  
When in Vayikra the Korbanos are defined,  
It only says that they need to be,  
Unblemished and from the best quality.

Only before the giving of the Torah,  
In the times of Noach who built the Teivah,  
Does the Torah tell us that the Korbanos that Noach did offer,  
Were only from animals that were pure and kosher.

Before the flood, Noach, Hashem did remember,  
And saved his family because of the Jews that would come from him in the future.  
Therefore when Noach wanted to show his appreciation,  
He brought Korbanos that would be brought by the Jewish nation.

There are three periods in our history to mention.  
The first is after the Torah was given.  
The second is when the service of the Avos did begin,  
And the third is Noach, who to purity, had a connection.

To the three periods in every Jew's life this does compare,  
 The first is after Bar/Bas Mitzvah when a Jew is obligated to do Mitzvos with care.  
 The second is from when children begin to prepare by getting their education,  
 And the third is when you see a Jewish baby's pure connection.

For a baby, Torah and Mitzvos aren't yet relevant,  
 But that is where his connection is most evident,  
 At birth he is automatically a Jew,  
 Although there isn't anything that he did do.

Therefore when children who are as pure as can be,  
 Read about the Korbanos in Vayikra with sincerity,  
 It awakens our bond and connection,  
 That is above action.

Korbanos are part of the 613 Mitzvos it is true,  
 But they have a higher nature too.  
 The word Korban means close, a special bond with Hashem we share,  
 And therefore our relationship with Him, a Korban can always repair.

Even if we sin we are still called Hashem's children,  
 The Korban brings about the revelation,  
 Of our unconditional connection,  
 And therefore it can wash away the blemish of any sin.

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