

ONE POINT

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לקוטי שיחות חלק טז, שיחה ג לפרשת פקודי

~ In memory of Rebbetzin Chave Hecht ז"ל אלימלך ז"ל ~

Use these words to fill in the blanks:

* travel * פקודי * עבודה * משכן * דירה בתחתונים *

IN THE PARSHA:

At the very end of _____ פרשת, after telling us how the משכן was built, the תורה tells us that when the משכן was put up, the cloud covered the מועל, and the glory of ד' filled the _____.

Then the פסוק continues that "when the cloud moved away from over the משכן, the בני ישראל would travel on their journeys".

QUESTION:

Since we are learning about the משכן and the presence of ד' resting in the משכן, why does the תורה mention when they would _____?

ANSWER / LIFE LESSON:

ד' created this world because he wants a _____.

While part of this was accomplished through building the משכן and the _____ that was done in the משכן, the goal is that we should live our life according to the will of ד' even when we are not in the משכן.

This is why the discussion about the משכן concludes with a פסוק about when the cloud moved away, and the משכן was taken down, and בני ישראל traveled.

This teaches us that the ultimate purpose is to take what we received in the משכן and make the entire world a דירה בתחתונים, by serving ד' at all times, in all places "whenever, wherever".

Even if we don't clearly see the presence of ד' resting there (as we did when the cloud covered the משכן), as we, too, "travel" through life, we continue to do what ד' wants in every situation, and this brings the שכינה down to this world.

Further discussion:

- How does this idea connect with first and last פרשה in חומש שמות which we conclude this week (שיחה and פקודי)? (See אות ו in the שיחה)