

פ' בהר - בחוקתי

[25:20]. וכי תאמרו מה נאכל בשנה השביעת וכו' וצויתי את ברכתי וגו' The question what will we eat during and after shmittah seems superfluous. The Torah could have just addressed their concerns directly by saying he will give an extra **ברכה** in the sixth year's crop.

The Sforno **יט-כא**, apparently addresses this question. He explains that the Posukim are referring to two different people with different levels of **בטחון**. The previous Posuk tells us **ואכלתם לשבע**, to which Rashi comments [כו' ה'] that whatever they eat, even a small amount, will satiate them. This is referring to someone with complete **בטחון** in Hashem. They don't have concerns or ask questions as to what they will eat, because they rely on Hashem that He will provide for them. To them, the Torah says they won't need to harvest and store three years' worth of crops in one season. The **ברכה** will be in what they have, that it will be enough. If, however, there is a question and concern as to what they will eat during shmittah, then the Torah responds that there will be a **ברכה** to produce enough for three years. These people do not have a complete **בטחון**, they do not place complete trust in Hashem. For them the **ברכה** is only in quantity, not in quality. This means they will have to do more work in harvesting and storing the extra food.

Rav Elya Lopian, **זצ"ל**, adds that this is relevant not only in the shmitta year, but for our daily lives as well. Hashem relates and responds to a person based on his level of **בטחון**. The more a person trusts in Hashem, the more Hashem will respond. However, if a person feels that he can manage on his own without the help of Hashem, then Hashem in turn, will let his affairs run their course without providing any help.

In light of the above, how much more important and incumbent is it upon us to daven to Hashem with **כונה** and to recognize that He is the source of our **פרנסה**, health, hatzlacha and everything in our lives.

Have a good Shabbos.

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