

Parshat Vayeira

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In Parsha Vayeira, Hashem tells Avraham to take his son Yitzhak, travel to the land of Moriah, and there bring him as an offering on a particular mountain. Hashem would tell him which mountain, later.

Rashi explains that Hashem doesn't tell the tzaddikim all the information right away. He withholds some of it. Later on, He will reveal the information they are looking for. The reason Hashem does this is that through the process of searching, the merit of the tzaddik is increased.

Reb Nosson tells us that Hashem does the same with each of us. We may find ourselves in a situation where we lack the full picture. We don't quite understand what's going on. We know something is required of us. We can't find Hashem in the situation. Hashem is hiding Himself. When we are motivated to search in order to find the truth in the situation, when we do the psychospiritual work and are committed to finding the right thing to do, our merits increase.

When we seek and find what Hashem truly wants from us, that

search not only strengthens us, and hones our spiritual skills, it also brings us closer to Hashem. It also gives us a deeper glimpse into who we are and our unique individual soul-mission. It's a process of self-discovery.

During this journey, we will have the opportunity to uncover and develop aspects of ourselves and our spiritual service. Maybe we'll deepen our ability to pray with focus and understanding. Maybe we'll strengthen our Torah learning. Maybe we'll bring more kindness and patience into our relationships. Whatever we work on during this journey, we have the chance to grow. When we seek Hashem we also gain merit and reward.

May you have a day in which you find what you truly seek.

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