



The Joy of Torah - For Life

Parshas Naso - The World's Perspectives Can Change Us!

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The Ramban on this Parshas Naso (5,19) discusses the Sota is the only one of the Torah laws that is dependent on open miracles. And this was to keep Klal Yisrael pure. When however, Klal Yisrael descended into more avairos of immorality, these miracles stopped and the Sota waters stopped being utilized. The Ramban explains further that this was because “They (Klal Yisrael) wouldn’t understand the good and wouldn’t want it”. It seems that a regular guy who before was on board with Hashem killing a Sotah with this horrific death to keep us pure. But now that immorality was more common, he wouldn’t be on board anymore! He would perhaps think - “Chill out Hashem, I know it’s terrible, but blow them up?!”

We see from here how much the outside world affects us, and how important it is to keep the proper hashkafos. Not only will we become desensitized to Torah concepts and perspectives, but it will actually change our opinion on how to handle it. We used to react with one response and now our feeling is to have more patience and acceptance even though that’s against the Torah. The world around us can actually change our reaction to things if we don’t stay rooted in the Torah and surround ourselves with only Torah perspectives as best as possible!