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Parshas Metzorah - Hashem's Mercy Built into Us!

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The Da'as Zekeinim (14:34) says that Hashem says to Klal Yisrael to look at the difference between you and the nations of the world. The nations of the world get struck with tzara'as in their bodies before I destroy their possessions like by Paropah, but Klal Yisrael gets punished in increments - first their houses, then clothes, and only then their bodies so that they get warned - if they don't change their ways then it will get closer and closer...

The Da'as Zekainim goes on to say that this is what the Pasuk in Mishlei(19,29) says that "I prepared judgment for the scoffers..." that Hashem is saying to Klal Yisrael that even before I created you, I prepared judgements. A mashal would be someone who is buying a servant and recognizes the servant's bad nature and buys chains and whips with him! When the servant then misbehaves, the master uses the chains and whips to set him straight.

The Da'as Zekainim seems intent on proving that the this system of tzara'as and warning Klal Yisrael was created before mans creation! Why is this an important point? What would be lacking if the system came later? There seems to be some advantage to the fact that it was built in! We were created with this system of mercy! Like the mashal of the servant's purchased with the tools to improve him, we were created WITH merciful systems as a part of us and that will resonate with us and be a more effective tool of correcting our behavior!