



The Joy of Torah - For Life

Parshas Tzav - Verbalize it to Feel it!

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The Chinuch in mitzvah 21 discusses the mitzvah of sipur yetzias mitzrayim - Vihigata L'vincha, relating the story of yetzias Mitzrayim which is a mitzvah to praise Hakadosh Baruch Hu for all the miracles that Hashem has done for us. He then goes on to say that the purpose of this mitzvah is to remind ourselves and others of the amazing miracles that Hashem did for our forefathers and us in regard to taking us out of Mitzrayim. Sipur yetzias mitzrayim is there to reinforce in our hearts that Hashem is the creator of the world and directly controls the world today in the same exact way as he did when he took us out of Mitzrayim.

The Chinuch then says that a person has to say these things out loud and verbalize them, because words inspire the heart. Imagine during the time of the Temple, the whole Erev Pesach after Chatzos you are busy with all the details of the Karbon Pesach, after which we have spent so much time getting rid of the chometz, and now we are finally at the Seder with eating matzah and maror, drinking 4 cups of wine, reading the entire Haggada, all to remember and relive yetzias Mitzrayim. What could be better than all of that to inspire the heart? We have the Hispaylus, the inspiration, of seeing the matzah and maror the vivid picture, the Tziur Chushi, reminding us how we left Mitzrayim, as well as the Mitzvos Masiyos. What could we possibly be lacking to send the message to inspire our hearts? It seems that saying it verbally inspires the heart even more and allows us to feel an even deeper appreciation for what Hashem did for us. The Chinuch is saying that there is something about verbalizing that can help us reach deeper emotions within us.

We have been taught by Reb Yisrael Salanter how crucial the study of musser together with ignited speech is to drive home the messages of musser. While many may study musser, even with Hispaylus, we see from the aforementioned chinuch how simply verbalizing the musser ideas can help our musser even be more effective. Certainly, following Reb Yisroel's approach of sofsayim dolkos, speech combined with deep emotion can bring our musser to a new level altogether.