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## **Parshas Vayeira - Striving for Perfection**

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This week's Parsha discusses Avrohom feeding the 3 angels and says (18,4), as explained by Rashi that Avrohom instructed a messenger, and therefore repaid his children through a messenger when years later Hashem gave Klal Yisrael water through a rock and not directly.

The Sifsei Chachamin asks on Rashi, that Rashi implies this is some sort of punishment, but various Gemaros glorify and praise Klal Yisrael getting water from a rock so this seems like a contradiction!

The Be'er Basadeh explains Rashi as follows. That on one hand, Avrohom is being immensely praised because this shows Avrohom's love for guests that he didn't want them to go themselves from the well, rather he wanted it to be brought to them, and for this positive act, Hashem repaid Klal Yisrael in the desert with water. On the other hand, since Avrohom utilized a shliach, which was negative, water only came from a rock and Moshe hit the rock, and great tragedy ensued...

We see from here a tremendous idea. If any element of the action is lacking, we will be taken to task for it. We should never feel lie we have reached perfection. Even when we do tremendous actions that we justifiably feel incredible about, we should always be striving to do better.