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It is said about a certain king who ruled over to test which of his subjects had the most wisdom, so he tested them respectively as follows. He made a large meal for each of them and tested them, who can eat their meal with long eating utensils. All the nations tried but to no success, until it came the turn of the Yidden. The Yidden sat along a wide long table facing each other and instead of feeding themselves they fed their fellow across from them. And so, they excelled in the challenge and won the contest.

This is a great lesson for us to learn from. As we find ourselves in the days following Tishoh B'Av, the destruction of the Beis HaMikdosh, we must do our utmost to hasten the coming of The Third Beis HaMikdosh. As Chazal said, "Kol dor shlo nivneh Beis HaMikdosh bi'yomov ki'eilu nechrav bi'yomov - Every generation that the Beis HaMikdosh was not built in its days", it is as if it was destroyed in its days. Therefore, we must see to it, to strengthen in Torah, Tefilloh and Shmiras HaMitzvos, to make us builders of The Beis HaMikdosh. The Noam Elimelech ZY"A said, that the Third Beis HaMikdosh awaits to come down from Shomayim [Heaven], all it awaits is for The Aron HaKodesh [Holy Ark] to be taken out of Golus [exile] and be returned to its proper place.

Rav Meir Shapiro ZY"A traveled to America to raise money for his Yeshiva Chachmei Lublin. A crowd came to greet him upon his arrival. The next day the newspaper reported that 5,000 people came to greet the European Rosh Yeshiva. Rav Meir Shapiro was shocked to see this blatant lie being reported. In fact, there were only about 500 people attendance. When the reporter was asked why he exaggerated tenfold he replied, "I thought there were only 50 people there. Had I known there were 500, I would have written 50,000!

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> Therefore, it shall come to pass, if you give heed to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that Hashem your G-d shall keep with you the treaty and the mercy which He swore to your Fathers. {7:12}

> תניא: שלש מתנות טובות נתן הקב"ה לישראל: רחמנים, ביישנים, וגומלי חסדים. גומלי חסדים מניין? דכתיב: "ושמר ה' אלקיך לך את הברית ואת החסד".

> **Hashem** granted three gifts to the Jewish people: to be merciful, modest, and to do acts of kindness.

> How do we know that Klall Yisroel does acts of kindness? It is written: "And Hashem your G-D will keep for you the treaty and the kindness."

## Talmud Yerushalmi

Rashi famously comments on the words, "Eikev Tishmi'un; If you keep the Mitzvos that a person tramples with his heel." This refers to the seemingly trivial less important Mitzvos that we think are not really worth our time or effort. Only when we keep these Mitzvos as well, is it a sign of true dedication to the Mitzvos and to our Father above whose commandments we heed whether big or small. The Sefas Emes further illuminates this saying that the Remach or 248 Mitzvos Aseh each correspond to one of our 248 limbs, doing these Mitzvos gives life to its corresponding limb in this world and the next. In our body we have a head and heart which are surely very important above all the others. And just like the body has a heel, while although trivial, if it lacks strength, the entire body collapses, head, heart and all, similarly if we ignore the trivial Mitzvos, all our hard work and devotion on the big ones will be for naught as the entire structure will collapse.

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