

פרשת ויקהיל - פקודתי

לֹא תִבְעַר אֵשׁ...בַיּוֹם הַשְׁבָת

You should not light a fire...on Shabbos.

The Chasam Sofer explains these words to mean “You should not create the fire of anger on Shabbos, in other words” Don’t get angry on Shabbos.

We all know that it is a terrible thing to lose our temper, but what does it have to do with Shabbos. Why pick specifically Shabbos as a day not to get angry, you need to try refrain from getting angry **EVERYDAY**?

The גمرا in Maseches Shabbos, and the Rambam as well, compare getting angry with serving זרה, עבودה זרה, the reason for this comparison is because when someone gets angry, they are denying that Hashem rules the world. Hashem said something should happen and they are saying “No, I do not accept that things are the way they are, they **should** be different”.

Now as we know, שבת is a reminder that ה' created the world and is in charge, and Shabbos was given to us to think about and internalize this. If so, during the week when one is all involved and lost in his work and gets angry, forgetting that Hashem’s in charge is bad, but to get angry on Shabbos goes against the very point and lesson of what Shabbos is here to teach us. That is why the פסוק tells us **לא תִבְעַר אֵשׁ** Do not get angry on **שבת**.

Sometimes we think that life is too hard. This year especially, with the corona virus causing everyday life to come to a standstill, we might feel there is no way we are going to make it through the next few weeks keeping our sanity intact. Getting ready for Pesach while there is no school or babysitting and everyone out of routine is hard, really hard.

ר' משא brings the that says **משה רביינו** asked ה' “How is it possible for anyone to build the **משכן**, the **קרשים** are too heavy? And ה' answered “Just start trying”. Although it appeared like **משה רביינו** was building it, in reality the **קרשים** rose up by themselves”.

What we learn from here is a tremendous lesson. Of course ה' can do anything and everything, He doesn’t **need** us to do anything for him. What He wants from us is to want to do **מצוות** and to try our very best to listen Him.

And when we do try, ה' will help us succeed.

May ה' watch over all of Klal Yisroel
and give us the strength to do what’s right.