

It is said that everything in life is מזל. The famous saying is that even a ספר תורה בהיכל has to have מזל. Why? Because there are so many torahs in the ארון קודש, and every torah wants to be used for leining, and the one who does פסיחה has the בחירה to take out whichever torah he wants. Every torah has to have מזל to be chosen as the torah to lein from. The first pasuk in every פרשה has מזל, because every first pasuk of every פרשה has a velt of torah on it, and פרשת ראה is no exception. The first pasuk has a velt of torah: רֵאָה אֶנֶכִּי נָתַן לְפָנֶיכֶם הַיּוֹם בְּרָכָה וְקִלְלָה. There's so much to be said about it. In my medical practice, and even in my רֵאָה אֶנֶכִּי נָתַן practice, I change the pasuk just a little bit, and I tell many patients, almost weekly, לְפָנֶיכֶם הַיּוֹם - What's one of the biggest ברכות הקדוש ברוך הוא gives us? Today. This day that Hashem gave us is a tremendous bracha.

The famous joke in English is that every day is a gift, that's why it's called the present. We have the opportunity to use each and every day to its fullest extent, and that opportunity is tremendous. So we should not lose it, we shouldn't say "I'll leave it until tomorrow". Instead, do something with the day which I have today, and from that we'll get a ברכה.

Now, ברכה always gives us ברכות. So how is it possible that הקדוש ברוך הוא has in this pasuk ברכה? So the פשוט פשוט, of course, is that we have בחירה, we have the option to choose to go this דרך or this דרך, and that will result in a ברכה or a קללה. However, the sefer מעינה של תורה brings down from a sefer called the נפלאות חדשות that היום means עולם הזה, which is a ברכה because we have the opportunity to receive reward for every single מעשה that we do, which is of course a gift from Hashem. Every one of these rewards that we get, and on top of that, all of the rewards that we get in עולם הזה are only the פירות, only the small little parts of the additional שכר that we get. The שכר is really מקיים for עולם הבא. And that's what the פסוק is saying, ברכה וקללה. What does וקללה mean? קיימת לו לעולם הבא

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הבא - ה

עולם is the ראשי תיבות represented by וקללה. So we see we're getting a ברכה from עולם הבא and היום in this very pasuk, and in the זכות of doing the מצות, we should continue to grow and do more and more and get all of those ברכות and עולם הבא.

