



The Joy of Torah - For Life

Parshas Va'aira

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Moshe Told Hashem that if the Jews who wanted to hear his message because it was good news didn't listen to him, then how would Pharoah listen to him?!

Rashi there says that this is a kal v'chomer. The Sifsei Chachamim asks a question - If the Jews had a reason to not listen that didn't apply to Pharoah, that they had "shortness of breath and hard labor," then that wouldn't apply to Pharoah, so shouldn't that knock off the kal v'chomer? He answers that Moshe didn't think that was the reason. Moshe thought it was because he was "aral sefasayim" (difficulty speaking) and therefore the reason did very much apply to Pharoah. The Torah says the real reason was "shortness of breath and hard labor," but Moshe didn't realize that!

What comes out from here Moshe thought the Jews would ignore his message because of his speech impediment! Even though he had a prophecy from Hashem that they would be free from mitzrayim with miracles and wonders and taken to Eretz Yisrael and become a nation, he thought they wouldn't listen because he stutters while he's saying it?!

We see from here how much we can be affected by superficial things. We have to be careful not to be blinded by the appearance of things, whether they are good things that look bad or bad things that look good. We have to focus on substance, not appearance!

