


מצוות
עשה
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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Bechukosai: (ויקרא כז:כח)

אֶךָ כָּל חֵרֶם אֲשֶׁר יִחְרֹם
אִישׁ לֵה' מִכָּל אֲשֶׁר לוֹ
מֵאָדָם וּבְהֵמָה

We learn about if a person says that something is *Cherem*. That means it is set aside for Hashem.

Usually, it goes to the *kohanim*, unless he said “*Cherem LaHashem*,” which would go to the *Beis Hamikdash*. We learn many *halachos* about this in today’s Rambam!

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: Mesechta Erchin perek Ches and the beginning of Mesechta Nedarim

Who Gets the Cherem?

Rashi on the *posuk* we learn this *mitzvah* from tells us that there is an argument about where *Cherem* goes!

If someone just said that something is *Cherem*, it is called “*Stam Cherem*” — plain *Cherem*.

Then there is *Cherem LaHashem*, which is even more holy!

Some say that *Stam Cherem* goes to *Hekdesh*, which belongs to the *Beis Hamikdash*, and others say that *Stam Cherem* goes to the *kohanim*.

The answer, as we learn in Rambam, is that *Stam Cherem* goes to the *kohanim*, and *Cherem LaHashem* goes to the *Beis Hamikdash*.

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לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה
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כָּל חֵרֶם וְגוֹ' לֹא יִמָּכַר

Something that is the kind of *cherem* that needs to be given to a *kohen* is not allowed to be sold. It needs to be given the *kohen* the way it is. (The *kohen* can decide to sell it later if he wants, because it belongs to him.)

Rambam: Hilchos Erchin V'Charamin

PEREK HEY

We finish learning the *halachos* about giving a field as a donation to the *Beis Hamikdash*. We also learn the *halachos* of donating a house, or an animal that can't be a *korban* (like a non-kosher animal or one with a *mum*). An animal that IS good for a *korban* is sold to people who need to bring a *korban*, and the money goes to *Bedek Habayis* (maintenance of the *Beis Hamikdash*).

PEREK VOV

Now we start learning the *halachos* of *Charomim* (things that are *cherem*). We learn the *halachos* of today's *mitzvos* in *Sefer Hamitzvos*. We also learn what happens if someone gives something that wasn't his, or promises to give something that isn't there yet (like a fruit that didn't grow yet), or if someone gives by mistake.

PEREK ZAYIN

We learn many *halachos* about *pediyah* — redeeming, meaning buying back something that was donated to the *Beis Hamikdash*.

One interesting thing that we see in these *halachos* is that the *Beis Hamikdash* always gets the best of any deal! This way, any donation to the *Beis Hamikdash* is used as much as it can be.