

מצוות
עשה
#112

📖 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Tazria: (ויקרא יג:מח)

וְהִצְרוּעַ אֲשֶׁר בּוֹ הַנֶּגַע
בְּגָדָיו יִהְיוּ פְרָמִים
וְרֵאשׁוֹ יִהְיֶה פְרוּעַ
וְעַל שָׂפָם יַעֲטֶה
וְטָמֵא טָמֵא יִקְרָא

Today's *mitzvah* is that if a person has *Tzoraas*, he needs to show people that he is *Tomei*, so they don't become *Tomei* from him. He needs to rip his clothes, let his hair grow, and cover his face down to his mouth so people know to stay away from him.

This is only for a man who is a *Metzora*. A woman with *Tzoraas*, or people with a different kind of *tumah* also need to let people know that they are *tomei*, but they don't have to use these same signs.

Rambam: Hilchos Tumas Tzoraas

PEREK HEY

In this *perek*, we learn about *Tzoraas* on a place where a person was hurt: From a burn, which is called a *Michvah*, and from other things, which is called *Shechin*. We also learn about *Tzoraas* in a bald spot, which is called *Karachas* or *Gabachas*, depending on where on the head it is.

PEREK VOV

This *perek* teaches us about when a sign of *Tzoraas* might not be considered *Tzoraas*, for example, the bottom of a person's foot.

PEREK ZAYIN

In this *perek*, the Rambam teaches us about a person who has *Tzoraas* that spread all over his entire body, which can make him *tahor*.