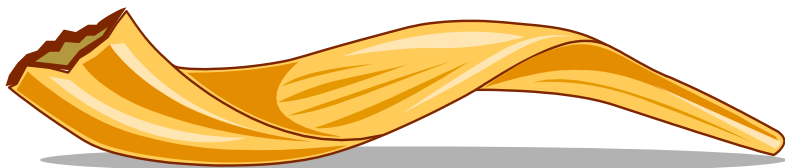


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**A “Hashkovo” Message–  
Pesach 5766**

“ויראו העם את ד’, ויאמינו בד’  
ובמשה עבדו”

At the Splitting of the Sea  
(קריעת ים סוף): “Nation Israel was in  
awe of Hashem and they had faith in  
Him and in His servant, Moshe”.  
‘יראת ד’ – to be in awe of Hashem, is  
a necessary prelude to faith in  
Hashem.

The Rambam [יסודי התורה ב:ב:]  
after listing the two mitzvos as  
fundamentals of Judaism:

[a] **אהבת ד’ – ויראת ד’** to love G-d and  
**b)** to be in awe of Him, states:  
“What is the way to experience this  
love and awe? When one observes  
the wondrous creations of Hashem  
and the infinite wisdom they display,  
praise and love burst forth [from  
one’s heart and mind].”

The many miracles that were  
wrought by Hashem to free us from  
bondage in Egypt, culminating in  
the miracle of קריעת ים סוף, finally  
evoked the emotion of “awe”,

“ויראו העם את ד’”, and of love and  
praise “זה אלי ואנוהו” – “this is my G-  
d and I will glorify Him”. [שמות טז:ב.]

In our times, scientific studies of  
natural phenomena in the heavens  
and on earth, resolved many  
mysteries by showing the cause and  
effect of natural events. Modern  
man/woman has lost some of the  
sense of awe, the necessary prelude  
to faith in Hashem – the Master of  
the Laws of Nature and of mankind.

Yom Tov Pesach, through the rituals  
of Seder night and the halachos that  
we observe the entire week, comes  
to reinforce our faith in Hashem as  
the Master of our fate, and to  
rekindle the emotion of awe as we  
view natural events with the  
sophistication of detailed scientific  
study which reaffirms:

“מה רבו משיך ד’ כולם בחכמה עשית”  
(ברכת ק”ש)

“How great are Your works Hashem, all  
display Divine Wisdom.