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1.

Benching

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“When you enter the land that Hashem gives you as an inheritance, Etc.” (26, 1)

"והיה כי תבוא אל הארץ אשר יקוק אלהיך נתן לך נחלה וירשתה וישבת בה."

In benching, we first thank Hashem for giving us the land of Israel. Subsequently we thank Hashem for taking us out of Egypt. Seemingly it would be more logical, asks the Chasam Sofer if we would thank Hashem first for taking us out of Egypt and thanking Him for giving us Israel. Since God promised our forefathers the land of Israel, it is as if the land was actually given to them then. Therefore the text of benching first mentions the land, and then discusses leaving Egypt because our forefathers inherited the land before the Jews were taken out of Egypt.

2.

Tzedaka

Meshech Chachma

“This day, Hashem, your God, commands you to perform these decrees and the statutes, and you shall observe and perform them with all of your heart and with all your soul.” (26, 16)

"היום הזה יקוק אלהיך מצוך לעשות את החקים האלה ואת המשפטים ושמרת ועשית אותם בכל לבבך ובכל נפשך."

The general Halacha is that it is prohibited to test Hashem. One of the exceptions to this is giving tzedaka. One who gives tzedaka is in fact allowed to test Hashem as related in mesechas Tanis (9a). Even though it is permissible to give tzedaka with the intent of testing Hashem, nevertheless it is better to give without testing Hashem. This is the highest form of giving tzedaka; giving wholeheartedly and leshma.