



Student Dvar Torah - Parashat Beshalach **By Moe Sutton – Grade 7**

We can learn an extremely valuable lesson from this week's Parashah, Parashat Beshalach. The Pasuk states (14:3) that Pharaoh said that Bnei Yisroel are trapped in the land and the wilderness has locked them in. How is it possible that Pharaoh who had seen all the miracles that Hashem performed for Bnei Yisroel, would think that Hashem would forsake them? Any person in their right mind, would know that it would be impossible to harm the Jews. Rabbi Simcha Zissel of Kelm wrote that there is a basic concept that a person's desires blind his rational train of thought. When a person really wants to do something and is strong-willed, he can act in an unexplainable or irrational way. We could convince ourselves that what we are doing makes sense, but any normal person could tell that he is wrong.