

And Eisav said, "Behold I am going to die, what use then is the birthright to me?" (25:32)

Rashi explains that Eisav asked Yaakov questions regarding the nature of the service in the *Beis Hamikdash*. Upon hearing the many warnings, punishments, and potential for capital punishment, he responded by saying. "What do I need the birthright for if I'm going to die through it, why bother with it altogether?"

Why then does the *Torah* declare that Eisav despised the birthright? On the contrary, the reason he was reluctant to accept it was due to the overwhelming responsibilities associated with this service. According to *Rashi's* explanation, we learn that one must enter into Hashem's service knowing full well the obligations that come with this position. The various forms of abuse and criticism should not be a deterrent in fulfilling his obligations to serve Hashem. One who chooses not to enter the various fields of *Torah* occupations because of this reason is actually showing that he despises the *Torah*.