

If you will follow my decrees. (26:3)

Chazal tell us that to "follow/walk" in Hashem's decrees is to engage in intensive *Torah* study, to toil and labor in *Torah*. *Horav Gedalyah Shorr, zl*, explains this in the following manner: The distinction between a man and an angel is found in the fact that the *malach*, angel, is an *omeid*, stands still, while man is a *mehaleich*, moves/walks. The *Torah* reveals to us that man "moves" through *ameilus*, by toiling in *Torah*. He goes higher and higher, from strength to strength by toiling in *Torah*.

Horav Shorr cites the *Rogatshover Gaon, zl*, who adds that this "*halichah*," form of movement, is actually the *maase ha'kinyan*, act of acquisition, through which one acquires his portion in *Torah*. He cites the *Rambam* in his *Pirush Ha'Mishnah*, who claims that walking around a field is considered a *kinyan*. Regarding the acquisition of land, one must make a *chazakah*, a distinct act of ownership, such as repairing or building on the property. Concerning a field belonging to two partners, however, walking is sufficient, since one is only delineating his portion of the field. The same concept applies to *Torah*, which was given to all of *Klal Yisrael*. The *ameilus* of one, exerting himself in *Torah* study, is the *halichah*, walking, which acquires for him his portion in the *Torah*.