

"May my teaching drop like rain, may my utterance flow like the dew." (32:2)

Water is used as a metaphor to describe *Torah*. Just as every person must have water in order to be sustained, *Torah* sustains *Klal Yisrael*. Without *Torah*, there is no substance to *Klal Yisrael*. *Horav Mordechai Ilan z.l.* suggests the following analogy between water and *Torah*. Human beings have had no input to the creation of water. It has the same essence and makeup that existed at the dawn of creation. It has maintained its unaltered state throughout time. In contrast, the earth has undergone changes as a result of mans' participation in its development.

The *Torah* has similarly maintained its immutability since its presentation to *Klal Yisrael* at *Har Sinai*. Indeed, the belief in *Torah's* inalterability is one of the foundations of our faith. This is truly the reason that it has endured and will continue to do so. There is no room for modification in the *Torah*. If one letter or part thereof is altered, the *Torah* becomes invalid.

Moreover, water and moisture act as the agents which unite the various parts of the earth. Without moisture everything would dry, crumble and fall apart. Thus, symbolically water is the cord which links the entire world and its inhabitants together. People need each other, and water supplies the sustaining power for that relationship to endure. Through the *Torah*, the various elements of *Klal Yisrael* find their link of unity. The *Torah* unifies all these *neshamos*, transforming them into one unit whose basic source is Hashem.