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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Mishpatim: (שמות כג:ב) (שמות כג:ב)

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ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם

Today's *mitzvah* is the same as yesterday's — that we need to serve Hashem through *davening*.

## Rambam: Hilchos Tefillah

### PEREK BEIS

We said yesterday that there are 18 *brachos* in *Shmoneh Esrei* (that's what *Shmoneh Esrei* means — 18!). But if you count them, you will find NINETEEN *brachos*.

This is because in the time of Raban Gamliel, there were a lot of people who tried to get the Yidden to stop listening to the things the *Chachomim* said they should do. So Rabban Gamliel added another *bracha* (*Velamalshinim*), asking Hashem to stop those people.

### PEREK GIMMEL

In *Perek Gimmel*, we learn about the right times for each *tefillah*. If we miss *davening* in these times, we are supposed to *daven Shemoneh Esrei* twice in the next *tefillah*.

### PEREK DALED

There are five things that we need to take care of before *davening*, or else we are not allowed to *daven*:

- 1) Washing our hands
- 2) Making sure we are *tznius'dik*
- 3) The place has to be appropriate for *davening* (not in a bathroom or garbage dump)
- 4) Making sure there is nothing distracting us (like making sure we don't need to go to the bathroom)
- 5) Making sure we can have *kavana* (like not to *daven* when we are angry)