

## Yechezkel Perek 18

Hashem addresses a common mistaken belief throughout Yisrael that people are judged based upon the deeds of their parents or their children.

“Why does Yisrael keep saying, "Parents eat sour grapes and their children’s teeth decay?””

Hashem punishes or rewards an individual based only upon his own actions. (Note: This is how most commentators learn. This is not a comprehensive discussion of the matter.)

Both the righteous and the wicked will be rewarded and punished according to their own deeds.

God does not desire to punish the wicked. He prefers that they do teshuva and return from their evil ways.

“Throw away all your sins and start anew with a new heart, refreshed spirit, and enthusiasm toward serving God!”