

22:31 You shall keep my commandments

ושמרתם מצותי

and do them

ועשיתם אתם

Rashi:

And keep them **ושמרתם** this means study **זו המשנה**
and do them **ועשיתם** this means practice **זה המעשה**

- one must learn in order to do them properly
- one must teach one's children
- every town must pay a teacher to teach the children

The word **משנה** (Mishna) means doctrine or teachings, but with different vowels (nikud) we can pronounce it as "Meshaneh" meaning to make a difference. That is, the better you learn and are taught the better you will understand and carry out the religion.

Similarly, the word **מעשה** (Maasseh) means an act, action or deed and is very close to the word **מעשי** (Maassi) which means practical. So our religion is not cut off from every day living but is intimately connected to all our day to day actions, such as eating, sleeping, talking, working and so on.

Our final word is **מעשיות** (Maasiyot) or pragmatism.
As the Torah tells us, it is not in Heaven but close to you.