

The following is from the new translation of RSRH's commentary on the Chumash – Bereishis 18: 17 – 19.

The *rule* is that first one must do משפט and only then צדקה. צדקה can never atone for a breach of משפט. To steal or deal dishonestly with one hand while dispensing charity with the other hand from wealth acquired by theft or in some other dishonest fashion is nothing but an *abomination to God*.