

Intermediate Talmud

Tractate Berachot: Chapter 7, folio 46a-b

Lesson Eight

With Rabbi Mendel Kaplan

R. Yosef said: You may know that the benediction 'who is good and does good' is not Scriptural from the fact that workpeople omit it. R. Yitzchak b. Shmuel b. Marta said in the name of Rav: You may know that the benediction 'who is good and does good' is not Scriptural from the fact that it commences with 'Blessed' but does not conclude with 'Blessed', for so it has been taught: All benedictions commence with 'Blessed' and close with 'Blessed', except the blessing over fruits, the blessings said over the performance of precepts, one blessing which joins on to another, and the last blessing alter the recital of the *Shema*'. Some of these commence with 'Blessed' but do not close with 'Blessed', while some close with 'Blessed' but do not open with 'Blessed'; and 'who is good and does good' opens with 'Blessed' but does not close with 'Blessed'. This shows that it is a separate blessing.