JEWS HAVE FAITH ONLY IN HASHEM BULLETIN 40

Rabbi Yossi said: Come and see the difference between one who relies on G-d and one who relies on man. Whet one places his trust in man, not only do his needs go unmet but he falls into the category of the cursed, as Scripture states, "So says Hashem, 'Cursed is the man who trust in man, and sets flesh as his strength, and turns his hear away from G-d. He shall be like an isolated tree in at arid land, and will not see when good comes. He shall dwell in parched soil in the wilderness, on a salted land uninhabited'" (Yirmeyahis 17:5-6).

But for one who relies on G-d, however, not only an his needs met, but he is blessed, as it says, "Blessed is the man who trusts in Hashem, G-d will be his security He shall be like a tree planted by waters, toward the stream spreading its roots. It shall not notice the heat's arrival. and its foliage shall be ever fresh. In the years of drought it shall not worry, nor shall it cease from yielding fruit (ibid. 17:7-8).

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"It is You Who nourishes all and sustains all. You control everything. You control kings, and kingship is Yours. I am the servant of the Holy One, blessed be He, before Whom and before Whose glorious Law I prostrate myself at all times. Not in man do I put my trust, nor in any angel do I rely. Only in the G-d of heaven do I trust He is the G-d of truth, whose Torah is truth, who prophets are true, who acts generously with kindness and truth. To His glorious and holy name do I declare praiseworthy.

(Zohar Vayakhel II:20)

IT IS BETTER FOR A PERSON TO BE CONSIDERED A FOOL THROUGHOUT HIS ENTIRE LIFE BY MAN, THAN TO BE CONSIDERED WICKED FOR ONE MOMENT IN THE EYES OF G-D (MISHNA EDUYOT 5:6)

DID YOU NOTICE THAT THE FURTHER PEOPLE ARE FROM THE TRUTH THE MORE THEY CONSIDER SOMEONE WHO TURNS AWAY FROM EVIL TO BE A FOOL? REBBE NACHMAN, SEFER HA MIDDOT, EMET