

JEWS HAVE FAITH ONLY IN HASHEM **BULLETIN 38**

RABBI MOSHE CHAYIM LUZZATTO:

“Internalize the understanding that when someone else has something, it does not detract even one iota from what you have. Everything that happens to a person is because of the tremendous wisdom of the Creator. Knowing this, you will have no reason to experience pain over the good fortune of anyone else. Ultimately, the only way you can appreciate what the Almighty has given you is to be entirely free from all forms of envy.”

Mesilat Yesharim Chapter 11

“The tendency to continue to want things that we cannot obtain is a strong indication of the power of the yetzer hara (evil inclination). The purpose of the yetzer hara is to test us. . It is our greatest enemy. Taking revenge on this enemy by not heeding its destructive demands can be our sweetest pleasure in this world This is besides the great eternal reward we will eventually receive for overcoming the yetzer hara.”

RABBI SIMCHA ZISSEL ZIV, Chochmah u Mussar

There is only one verse in all the Tanach which is composed of all the twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet plus the five end-letters. The verse is found in Tzefanyah (3:8) and speaks of the importance of waiting for the final redemption. “Therefore wait for Me, says Hashem, until the day that I rise up to the prey. For My determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them My indignation, all My fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of My jealousy.” That all the letters of the Torah express this theme teaches us that the yearning and waiting for the redemption to reveal His dominion is the essential core of the whole Torah. (Beer Moshe Vayechi 820)

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