EMUNAH - FAITH BULLETIN # 14

WHO IS THE WEALTHY ONE? THE ONE WHO IS HAPPY WITH HIS PORTION (PIRKE AVOT)

REBBE NACHMAN SAYS: SIMPLE EMUNAH, FAITH IN HASHEM IS A GREAT THING

Dear Bother, see to it that you try to strengthen yourself with simple faith, and enter into your thoughts the hand of Hashem: Meaning that in all your concerns and affairs whether spiritual or material, when Your Yetzer ha Ra comes to overpower you, also when evildoers oppose you, and make you suffer and humiliate you and they spill your blood like water, you must know that there is the Hand of Hashem. And you must know that nothing is done out of itself but everything happens through the supervision of the Emanator in His simple will, and with His profound design, and through this faith in the Hand of Hashem then you will merit to His shadow, that you will find cover in the shadow of The Creator Blessed Be He and He will guard you. And the main thing is that in the midst of your bitterness and suffering you will not question The Creator Blessed Be He and ask yourself why the evildoers have the upper hand? Why do they have success? And why those who fear Hashem are given into their hands to make them suffer? You must know that in this lies the hand of Hashem and you should pray to Him, and tell Him everything that lies within your heart and through this in the end the evildoers who oppress you will fall. Only see to it that you not have an evil eye or evil heart to doubt from The Creator Blessed Be He for you must know that (Psalms 145) "Hashem is Just in all his ways and Pious in all his actions" even when you see evildoers succeeding in judgments and full of everything good (See Likute Moharan A, 58) and through this understanding you will merit to pass through this life securely

FROM SEFER MAALE HA MIDDOT

And what is emunah? The beginning of emunah is that one trust in G-d and fear nothing. He must acquiesce in G-d's decree, and give himself and his soul to Him. All of his dealings and his words must be with emunah and uprightness. He must say of what is so, that it is so, and of what is not so, that it is not so. He must not rush to get rich, but trust in the Holy One Blessed be He in all of his affairs, as it is written (Psalms 37:3):

"Trust in the L-rd and do good. Dwell in the land and 'graze' emunah." And what he promises he must fulfill according to his ability.