

Principles of Emunah: God's Gift of Faith



Scripture

- Ephesians 2:8
For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

Other Scriptures

- Genesis 15:16
- James 2:19
- Romans 5:17
- Isaiah 45:5-7
- Mark 9:24

Main Points

1. Faith is a gift given to us by our Creator.
2. **True Emunah** is believing that God rules the world.
3. We have to step out of our temporal surface vision of things and look beyond to what the Word of God says.
4. God is Master of the World in English, Adon Olam in Hebrew
5. We only see the temporary, the now, and can't understand what's going on.
6. We need to have Biblical Emunah and believe that God rules the world.
7. God rules the world!
8. **True Emunah** is believing that God causes everything to happen for the best.
9. God is ruling the world and it's all for the good!
10. God wants you to trust Him.
11. God wants you to cling to Him.
12. God wants you not to be afraid.

Discussion Questions

1. What words did Rabbi relate to the concept of Emunah? In terms of the word "trust", what does this mean to you in your everyday life?
2. Think about the word picture "clinging". What about God do we need to be clinging to in terms of our faith? What would letting go of Him look like?
3. Our Creator takes responsibility for the things that seem good and those that seem bad. Do you believe God is Master of the World? How does our understanding take us away from the real truth of Scriptures?
4. Knowing that God causes everything for the best helps take away so much anxiety in living. Rabbi's illustration of the airplane flight is a vivid example. Can you recall any times in your life when what you thought was bad, turned out to be for the best?
5. Take time to thank God for his rulership. Begin to think about all the good God has allowed in your world and thank Him. How will you begin to cling more to HaShem?