

Can Bitachon work even for a Rasha?

The Leshem (grandfather of Maran HaRav Elyashiv zt"l and the last of the great Mekubalim, about whom the Chofetz Chaim said, "One should try to get close to him in this world because nobody will be able to in the next world.") answers: Yes, there is nothing that stands in the way of Bitachon. He bases this on a Medrash on the *Pasuk* (*Tehillim* 31:10), "Many are the torments of the wicked, but he who trusts in Hashem shall be surrounded with kindness."

The Medrash comments: Even a Rasha who trusts in Hashem will be surrounded with kindness. The Medrash comments further: "Many are the torments of the Rasha" - because they don't place their Bitachon in Hashem. However, "One who places his Bitachon in Hashem will be surrounded with kindness!" (*Hde"h Vol. 2 pg. 135b*)

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