

Eliezer sets out to Charan on a quest to find a girl from Avrohom's family worthy enough to marry Yitzchak. As soon as he begins his journey, Hashem performs a great miracle, folding the earth beneath him, thereby bringing him immediately to Charan. Eliezer asks Hashem to show him the girl who is destined for Yitzchak, as well as specific signs of the girl's kindness that would prove she is worthy of Yitzchak. Additionally, he prays to Hashem that he should then find out as well that she is indeed from Avrohom's family, a necessary condition for her to marry Yitzchak. It seems from this prayer that the fulfillment of the signs Eliezer had set forth were not enough in his eyes to assure him that the girl was from Yitzchak's family as well. A girl immediately appears and, as Eliezer looks on anxiously waiting to see if Hashem had indeed made his mission successful, proceeds to fulfill the signs Eliezer had laid out. Whereupon Eliezer gifts the girl with expensive jewelry and asks her which family she belongs to. Rashi says that Eliezer first gave her the jewelry because he had Bitachon in Hashem that in the merit of Avraham he had indeed succeeded in finding Yitzchak's future wife. (Bereishis 24:10-23)

The question arises: If Eliezer indeed had Bitachon in the success of his mission why does it say that he waited anxiously to see if Hashem had made his mission successful? We see from here that even though Eliezer was on such a high level and had just experienced the great miracle of the earth folding under him he didn't think that seeing the fulfillment of his signs would be enough to assure him that Hashem had indeed granted him success. However, by actually experiencing the fulfillment of his signs, his Bitachon was strengthened to the point that he was already sure of his success even before he asked the girl to which family she belonged. We see from here, that actually experiencing Hashem's hashgacha is far more powerful in strengthening one's Bitachon than all of the logical proofs of its existence. How much more so is it critical for us, who are light years away from Eliezer's spiritual status, to take note, retell, and relive our own stories of hashgacha pratis in order to feel in our hearts the emunah that we already know in our minds, thereby bringing us to ever higher levels of Bitachon.

This idea is also brought in the words of the Ramban (Shemos 3:12) where he explains the back and forth between Moshe Rabbeinu and Hashem where Moshe asks Hashem: When Klal Yisroel asks for proof of Your existence and hashgacha what should I tell them? Hashem responded: Why should they ask for this, they have no need for any other proof for I will be with them in all their troubles; they will call out to me and I will answer them. This is the greatest proof that there is a G-d amongst Klal Yisroel, close to us whenever we call out to him!

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