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A man was once traveling in the cold European winter when he finally reached a Kretchmer [inn]. The Kretchmer Yid served him with a warm glass of water in his heated dining room. As he took to leave, the Kretchmer Yid asked him for five Rubles. "Five Rubles, What?? For what? A glass of water?" The innkeeper then proceeded to explain to him at length, that it is not simply a glass of water. Rather, it is a heated and lighted dining room in the inn, a chair and table to sit at, and heated water in a nice glass to drink from. So too expounds Rav Yisroel Salanter ZY"A, when one makes the Brochah {Blessing} on a heated glass of water, or any food, he is not only thanking Hashem for the few ounces of water he is drinking. Rather he is thanking Hashem for the roof over his head, the heated room, the chair and table and the glass in which he is drinking, etc..... On this a person is thanking Hashem, Shehakol Nihiyeh Bidvoro - Through Whose word everything came to be.

Rav Avrohom Elimelech of Karlin ZY"A HY"D, on one of his four travels to Eretz Yisroel was traveling with his Chossid Rav Zalmen Brizel ZY"A. It was a hot dry day, and the Rebbe was very thirsty. Reb Zalmen had a bottle of water, but they did not have a cup to drink from. Understandably, the Rebbe would not drink straight from the bottle. Reb Zalmen had an ugerkeh - cucumber with him. He hollowed out the cucumber and the Rebbe was able to drink. From the above directions and actions of our Tzadikim we must learn to serve Hashem in every aspect of our lives.

As this week is Parshas Vayichi, - Vayichi Yaakov - And Yaakov lived, his years were living ones, not years of waste on materialistic days and substance. As the Ramban ZY"A explains, that the decease of a Tzadik is as going from one room to another. As his days continue on the next world too. The life of a Tzadik continues on forever. This must be a lesson for us that a life of Torah and Mitzvos, is the best investment one can make, as it lasts forever and ever.

וַיְחִי יַעֲקֹב בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם וְגו': {בראשית פמ"ז פכ"ח} **תַּתֵּן אֶמֶת לַיַּעֲקֹב וְגו':** {מיכה פרק ז' פסוק כ'}

Yaakov Avienu lived in Mitzrayim (Egypt) etc. We also know that the Middoh (trait) of Yaakov Avienu is Emes - Truth, as we say daily in Davening (Prayer) - Give truth to Yaakov etc. The Sefas Emes ZY"A quotes His Grandfather, The Chidushei Harim ZY"A with the following explanation. With the Middoh of Truth a Yid (Jew) can live in all circumstances, even in Mitzrayim - Maitzorim, difficulties (same letters - מצרים), troubles that seem to prevent one from his daily duties as a good Yid.

וַיְבָרְכֶם בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא לְאֵמֹר וְגו': {פרק מ"ח פסוק כ'}

Yaakov Avienu Bentched (blessed) them - Ephraim and Menashe - "that day" saying.

We must make point of and understand the significance that Yaakov Avienu Bentched them saying - "that day". Says Rav Moshe of Kobrin ZY"A that one must focus on the present day only and should not be worried about the troubles of the next day. With this approach of Emunah and Bitochon (faith and trust), one can truly serve Hashem with happiness, steadily.

וַיֵּרָא מְנַחֵם כִּי טוֹב וְאֵת הָאָרֶץ כִּי נְעִמָּה וַיֵּט שְׂכָמוֹ לְסֹבֵל וְגו': {בראשית פרק מ"ט פסוק ט"ו}

The Rebbe Reb Bunim of Parshischa ZY"A explains the Possuk as follows.

The qualification for a person who desires to achieve tranquility, he must accept every situation that comes his way. Every situation - good or (seemingly) bad, must be equal in his eyes. If a person acts with this trait, then he will always have tranquility.

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