

BA44. Relying on God.

We are to rely on God.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scripture

2 Corinthians 1:9

In our hearts we felt we were under sentence of death. However, this was to get us to rely not on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead!

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Galatians 3:9

Philippians 4:6-7

2 Peter 1:16

Related New Testament Mitzvot

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AB07 Being Led by the Holy Spirit

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

2 Chronicles 16:7

It was around then that Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Y'hudah and said to him, "Because you relied on the king of Aram and didn't rely on ADONAI your God, the king of Aram's army has escaped from your power.

Psalms 44:7(6)-8(7)

For I don't rely on my bow, nor can my sword give me victory. No, you saved us from our adversaries; you put to shame those who hate us.

Psalms 49:6(5)-16(15)

Why should I fear when the days bring trouble, when the evil of my pursuers surrounds me, the evil of those who rely on their wealth and boast how rich they are? No one can ever redeem his brother or give God a ransom for him, because the price for him is too high (leave the idea completely alone!) to have him live on eternally and never see the pit. For he can see that wise men will die, likewise the fool and the brute will perish and leave their wealth to others. They think their homes will last forever, their dwellings through all generations; they give their own names to their estates. But people, even rich ones, will live only briefly; then, like animals, they will die. This is the manner of life of the foolish and those who come after, approving their words. (Selah) Like sheep, they are destined for Sh'ol; death will be their shepherd. The upright will rule them in the morning; and their forms will waste away in Sh'ol, until they need no dwelling. But God will redeem me from Sh'ol's control, because he will receive me. (Selah)

Psalms 143:8

Make me hear of your love in the morning, because I rely on you. Make me know the way I should walk, because I entrust myself to you.

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in ADONAI with all your heart; do not rely on your own understanding.

Proverbs 3:26

for you can rely on ADONAI; he will keep your foot from being caught in a trap.

Comment

This *Mitzvah* is one of the most useful and profound of all the commandments given us by God. It speaks to circumstances where we have no human control over a situation, and we dread an adverse result. Our response in the natural is to become depressed and to comport ourselves in ways that are unwise, unhelpful, and possibly even harmful. In short, we allow our quality of life to diminish, and all because we have disregarded this *Mitzvah*.to rely on God.

Yes, we should fervently pray for God to intervene in our behalf, but more than that! We must place ourselves, our loved ones and all we possess and hold dear in his care, and trust in him. Notice I did not say “trust that the result will be to our liking.” We can pray for a particular outcome, but our faith must be for God’s will to be done. If we allow it to be so, He will lift us above all our cares and we will have the *shalom* of God that “surpasses all understanding.” (Philippians 4:6-7).

There is a Christian poem and hymn titled “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”¹ that says it perfectly; the words are:

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear.
And what a privilege to carry,
Everything to God in prayer.*

¹ Lyricist: Joseph M. Scriven, 1855; Composer: Charles C. Converse, 1868

Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear.
All because we do not carry,
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2

- A08 Succumbing to Fear, Worry & Anxiety
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- H08 Praying in Faith & Having Faith for That Which We Pray
- Y03 Trusting in Yeshua & Believing that He is Our Messiah Sent by God
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