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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 234**

**WORLD ALLIANCE FOR THE CORRECTION
OF THE SIN OF THE SPIES
“LIVING IN ERETZ ISRAEL IS THE EQUIVALENT OF ALL THE
MITZVOT OF THE TORAH” (SIFRE, PARASHAT REE)**

LEARN THE LESSON AND DO NOT FOLLOW ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SPIES

**FROM THE WRITINGS OF RABBI MEIR DAVID KAHANE ZTKL
THE PEOPLE THAT WERE THE MOST RELIGIOUS OF ALL
HAVE BECOME THE MOST INDIFFERENT TO G-D. THE
PEOPLE OF THE BOOK PLACE MORE FAITH IN THAT OF THE
CHECK THAN THE BIBLE. IN TIME OF CRISIS, THE JEW
DOES NOT BELIEVE IN ANYTHING, EXCEPT THAT WHICH HE
CAN SEE, TOUCH, FEEL.**

He can see Ronald Reagan; he believes in him far more than in the G-d of Abraham. He can feel the Russians; he fears them more than the intangible G-d he pays lip service to as long as there is no crisis. He can touch the tanks of the Israeli army, and so he prays that there will be enough of them instead of believing that One is enough of Him. "For My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living water, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." (Jeremiah 2)

The truth is that we will swear our belief in the Omnipotence of the G-d of Israel as long as this remains in the abstract, in the realm of theory. We show our fervent belief in the miracles that happened yesterday, but we shrink from testing them today or tomorrow. That which we need not do ourselves is easily believed in and avidly taught or sermonized. Yesterday is always smoothly dealt with - who needs to place himself on the line? Who must be tested? The belief in the general Omnipotence of G-d easily fills our hearts. It is only when we must get down to specifics, to real and actual implementation of faith in our own lives that the hypocrisy becomes a stench which is overpowering.

The G-d of Israel is not a "Santa Claus." The religion of Israel is not a plaything. If there is one thing above all that the Almighty desires of us, demands of us, it is faith. "Therefore, the L-rd heard and was wroth; and a fire was kindled against Jacob and anger also carne up against Israel; because they believed not in G-d and trusted not in His salvation." (Psalms 78)

That is the Jewish Iron Law: Belief and trust in G-d, rather than looking to and raising Jewish eyes unto the gentile. There can be no greater Hillu/ Hashem, desecration of the Name of G-d, than when the Jew places his faith in the power of the gentile. For what he is saying by this is that there really is no G-d; and this is the end of Judaism, and this is the end of any reason for the existence of the Jew.

PLEASE HASHEM SAVE US FROM THE SIN OF THE SPIES WHO SPOKE LASHON HARA AGAINST ERETZ ISRAEL. LET US CORRECT THE SIN OF “THEY DESPISED THE DESIRABLE LAND” (TEHILLIM 106) FOR IN THIS WAY WE BRING CLOSER THE COMPLETE GEULA WHEN YOUR NAME WILL BE SANCTIFIED IN THE WORLD AND YOUR NATION ISRAEL SHALL BE EXALTED AND YOUR BEIT HA MIKDASH REBUILT MAY THIS BE SOON IN OUR DAYS, AMEN YEHI RATZON