

WE SHOULD NOT PRAISE THE WICKED LEADERS OF OUR GENERATION EVEN IF THEY HAVE HAD SUCCES IN EXPANIDNG THEIR EVIL

BEFORE THE COMING OF MASHIACH IT WILL BE HARD TO FIND AN HONEST JEW, AS HARD AS FINDING SOMEONE LIKE THE BAAL SHEM TOV

The Holy Rebbe Nachman said: There will come a time when to find a simple and honest person who will wash his hands (Netilat Yadaim) for a meal will be a novelty as great as the Baal Shem Tov, zt'l. And not in way of exaggeration did R' Nachman said this, because it is true, and only in the merit of those good Jews the Mashiach son of David will flourish and reveal the truth to everybody (Sefer Kochvei Ohr)

BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF MASHIACH THE WICKED WILL PROSPER AND MANY JEWS WILL ERR AND SAY THAT THE WAY OF THE WICKED IS THE RIGHT ONE AND WILL PRAISE THEM IN THEIR HEART

It is written in Malachi Chapter 3 13-15: “Your words have been strong against me, says the Lord. Yet you say, How have we spoken against you? You have said: It is vain to serve G-d; and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts? And now we call the arrogant happy; those who work wickedness prosper; even those who tempt G-d escape.

THE FACT THAT WE PRAISE THOSE WHO ARE WELL OFF EVEN WHEN THEY GO AGAINST G-D AND HIS MITZVOT MAKES US SAY TO OURSELVES: “IT IS USELESS TO SERVE HASHEM” G-D FORBID

In this way we will understand what is written in Malachi, for it doesn't refer to people who say openly “It is useless to serve G-d”... But the intention of the prophet is all those Jews that will keep the Torah and the Mitzvot of G-d blessed be His name, but will nevertheless praise the actions of the wicked and evildoers and will say: “Those who work wickedness prosper; even those who tempt G-d escape” and they will praise the success of the wicked...And this is what the Holy One Blessed be He will answer them: “You have said: It is vain to serve G-d” meaning by praising the success of the wicked and recount of the miracles of the feats of evildoers, by this you are clearly saying “It is useless to serve G-d” and there is no profit in it, G-d forbid. (Maskil el Dal)

THE EVIL INCLINATION CONCENTRATES ON THE LEADERS OF OUR NATION

In the holy book Toldot Yakov Joseph (Parshat Nasso) written by Rav Yaakov Joseph of Polnoye, of blessed memory, says that now in the years of the coming of Mashiach the evil inclination concentrates on the leaders and Rabbis and not on each individual, because if the leaders fall into the net of the evil inclination thereby straying from the right path, then they will bring down with them the masses that follow those leaders.