



Parshas Naso/Shavuos

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The Gemara in Berachos 60b says and explains that a person needs to bless Hashem for the bad just as when he blesses for the good. The Gemara states that he must accept it with happiness and Rashi explains that it means to make the blessing with a full heart and seems to leave out the happiness factor that the Gemorah mentions.

This seems perplexing. The Shulchon Aruch also leaves out the idea of making the blessing over difficulties with Simcha. Rashi and the Shulchon Aruch seem to be arguing on the Gemara, this is very difficult to understand. The Bach explains that the Shulchan Aruch took out simcha because it is impossible to understand the Gemara at face value, because many times in extreme situations it would be impossible for the Torah to demand happiness from tragedy even though we know that whatever Hashem does is with complete goodness and also for our personal amazing benefit, so therefore the Bach explains the happiness is not a commandment but rather a statement of the human condition and a statement of fact that if we serve Hashem even if it is through performing the Mitzva of accepting the will of Hashem in difficulties we will automatically feel Happy knowing we tried to serve Hashem.

This brings out an amazing point that at times when it is impossible to feel acceptance of Hashem's will to the extent that it will bring us happiness, because we are in pain, at that very moment we will still feel happy knowing that we are serving Hashem by accepting his will. We see from here the holiness of every single Jew, that no matter what life brings, and at the most difficult moments in life, the Jew will always feel in a state of happiness when he serves Hashem.