

## **Belief in G-d**

It is of utmost importance to focus on the usage of time. G-d gave His people the gift of Purim and Pasach. It is vital that one examine the nature of the holiday of Purim which illustrates the presence of G-d in hiding. The period of Purim involved attending the party of King Achashveirosh, which lasted for a duration of 180 years. Chazal teach that the Evil Inclination of Achashveirosh was to send a message to the Jewish People, indicating that he could do more than G-d. The underlying intention of Achashveirosh was to weaken the Jewish Peoples' unwavering belief in G-d by substituting himself as the provider in place of G-d. Further, the wearing of the priestly garments and display of articles from the First Temple should have elicited sadness and grief. Instead, however, the Jews paid little heed and enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent.

It is interesting to note that when the Jewish People were oppressed, they cried out to G-d. The Jewish People know where to direct their prayers. G-d answers their prayers when they reach out to him. This clearly demonstrates the trust the Jewish People have in their G-d, they know they are doing something wrong and want G-d to help. A person should use Purim as a model for asking G-d to deliver him from his troubles, realizing that no one can help besides G-d, in any situation.