

## **UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH**

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## FAITH IN MANKIND

For everything in holiness, G-d made a counterpart in unholiness to challenge it. (Koheles 7:14)

In the time of the First Temple, G-d was revealed through prophets and miracles. To challenge this faith, G-d brought false prophets preaching pagan beliefs.

In the time of the Second Temple, G-d was primarily revealed within nature through the physical beauty and grandeur of the Temple.

Yet, the Second Temple was destroyed because of senseless hatred. The primary challenge to their belief in G-d was their faith in their fellow man. They believed in one G-d Who worked miracles and gave us the Torah. But they found it hard to believe that we were all His children, and that, despite our differences, we all serve a common purpose.

The last and most difficult stage of internalizing our faith is to strengthen our faith in our fellow man.

Tanya chapt. 53. Likkutei Sichos 15 pg. 239.

