

"And you will find Him, if you will seek Him with all your heart and all your soul." (4:29)

Chazal teach us that *sheker*, falsehood, has no "legs/foundation;" ultimately, it must fall. Whatever is built upon a foundation of falsity, be it blatant deceit or merely insincerity, will not endure. If so, why do we find that so many *reshaim*, wicked people, whose goals are to manipulate the minds and lives of their followers, seem to succeed in their endeavors? In response to this critique, **Horav Yisrael Salanter, zl**, commented that they act with an *emes*; these people approach their reprehensible work with a "sincerity" that perhaps has greater veracity to it than the *emes* that we perform. Regrettably, when we undertake endeavors for the "sake of *Torah*," it is not always with the same sincerity and genuineness that our counterparts undertake their battle against *Torah* values.

It is all relative. At times we may undertake to build, create, or maintain projects that we might even believe are *Torah* oriented. Since our objectives are not sincere, however, our plans will not endure. To build for the express purpose of destroying a preexisting organization or program is nothing more than sham piety. This, claims **Horav Tzvi Hirsch Ferber, zl**, is the underlying meaning of our *pasuk*. You will find "Him," you will succeed in finding and promoting the *derech ha'emes*, path of truth, only "if you will seek Him with all your heart and all your soul." If you approach the search for truth with "*emes*" - you will succeed in discovering it.