

**EMUNAH - FAITH
BULLETIN # 16**

**WHO IS WEALTHY? THE ONE WHO
IS HAPPY WITH HIS PORTION (PIRKE AVOT)**

**WHOEVER SUFFERS AT FIRST SHALL
ULTIMATELY FIND REST**

What are the righteous compared to in this world? To a tree standing entirely in a pure place, but whose branches stretch over an impure place. Trim the branches, and the tree will be standing entirely in a pure place. So does G-d bring suffering upon the righteous here on earth so that they inherit the World-to-Come: "Though your beginning was painful, you shall ultimately flourish" (Job 8:7). (Kiddushin 40b)

This teaches that whoever suffers at first shall ultimately find rest. No one suffered more than Abraham, who was thrown into a furnace and was exiled from his father's house. Sixteen kings pursued him, he underwent ten trials, he buried Sarah. Yet ultimately he found rest. (Tanchuma, Ekev, 3)

“Everything Hashem does, He does for good.” (Berachot 60b)