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One may ask: The past is bygone; what can be done now?

Until we develop this country's resources, and, primarily, until we find the way to neutralize the power of the opponents within this country who, for various bizarre reasons, do not allow this country to develop the resources in its very own soil, whether oil, or coal, etc., for well know reasons...

After nullifying these arguments or ignoring them, it will still take a long time to develop these resources to the point that it will subvert the need to submit to, and request other countries to provide these substances.

The Blessing of the Sun reminds us of an open, clear path: Many countries have already begun, and the US as well – albeit in a very small way, to harness the power of the sun – the sun's heat, its warmth, as a generator – a source of energy, to power factories, etc.

In the south of this country there is abundant sunshine providing tremendous heat. It is very easy to bring the sun's product, that which is generated by the heat of the sun's rays, and transmit it throughout the country. This requires far less time, relative to the amount of time required to develop the other sources of heat and warmth.

And this can be achieved when it will be based on faith in G-d's help, – ignoring the obstacles which will come from people who have personal gain from opposing it.

And in a relatively short time the country will be freed from its subservience to the regimes who have oil in their lands; where, for whatever reason, those resources were developed by American citizens! They turned the potential into a supply for the entire world.

The question arises: What will be accomplished when a group of Jews discusses this amongst themselves? As discussed many times, Maimonides rules that the Torah of Truth states: A Jew's single statement, when it is according to Torah, – he is "obligated to view himself and the entire world in balance;" and his one statement may tip the scale for "himself, and the entire world to the side of good, and bring salvation"! We have actually seen that words spoken privately, and later repeated publicly, and through effort they reached a larger circle, and even the nation's capital.

So we should not be discouraged, for we have seen the effect, and, with G-d's help, a greater effect than we can imagine.

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As said before, this is the good of the country itself! We're not asking for a favor for someone else, or for one segment, – it is for this country's benefit that it be freed from subservience to the nations that have this substance.

This subservience is entirely unjustified: It is simply ungrateful not to recognize and thank G-d for bestowing this country with sources of energy, starting with sun's power, as we said in the blessing of the sun: "Nothing is hidden from its heat;" there is not a single corner of the world that is hidden from the sun's warmth.

But there are various levels – there are places that have enough for themselves, and can provide for neighboring areas; some places can supply the entire country, and some have the potential to generate enough to supply other nations.

And then – when we are freed from this dependence, we can act with greater force.

Actually there will be no need for force – the mere fact that this is known will remove this pressure, because there will be nothing with which to threaten, for they will see that we did not pay attention to those who wished not to allow it.

This should be done in fulfillment of G-d's command to fully utilize the resources that He provides – especially the resources He gives a nation, a kind nation, to use for the individual good and for the common good; for the good of the nation and the good of the entire world – true good, because it is "good for Heaven and good for the world."



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