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Even Avraham's faith was a gift, not his own doing

Chiddushei HaRim

Avraham Avinu (our father Avraham) did not take credit for his own emunah (faith), but recognized that even this faith itself was a gift bestowed upon him by Hashem Yitbarach (the Holy One, blessed be He). From this flows a great principle in avodas Hashem (service of God): a person must realize that every attainment and every spiritual illumination he receives comes entirely from the Borei Yitbarach Shemo (the Creator, may His Name be blessed), never from himself. AI SUMMARY

He believed in Hashem, and it was accounted to him as tzedakah (righteousness) — the explanation is that Avraham Avinu (our father Avraham) considered this very emunah (faith) which he had to be a tzedakah from Hashem Yitbarach (the Holy One, blessed be He), that this too was from Him, may He be blessed. And this is a great principle in the service of Hashem Yitbarach: that everything a person attains, and all the illuminations he receives, he should know that it is all from the Borei Yitbarach Shemo (the Creator, may His Name be blessed).

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