

Questions & Answers

Halachic Responsa,
Expressing the Views of our Sages

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Prayer for Good Health

Question:

Why do we pray to HaShem for good health when everything is actually predetermined and there is no way to change the Heavenly decree, even if a sick person would visit the best doctors in the world?

Answer:

The *Pele Yoetz* addresses this dilemma and writes that there are three different categories of Heavenly decrees.

- Some people have strong merits and good deeds that can protect them from dying even if they are very sick, and they will recover without any medicine.
- Sometimes there is a Heavenly decree that a person should die no matter what medicines he takes.
- Some people, because of their sins, are placed under the natural causes of the world. Therefore, if they follow the doctor's instructions they will remain alive.

A person must always consider that he actually belongs to the third category. He must make both spiritual and physical efforts – he should pray and repent, and also take conventional medicine. (*Pele Yoetz Refua*)