

Last week we shared a mashal explaining how no matter what we ask of Hashem, it is really only a nickel! One may ask: If so, why doesn't He give it to us already? The answer is because we don't view it as a nickel. In the words of the *Sefer Ha'ikarim*, "*It is the nature of Hashem's kindness to extend to each person according to the level he prepares himself to receive.*" As Dovid HaMelech says, (*Tehillim 81:11*): '*Open your mouth wide and I will fill it!*'

Let's analyze Dovid HaMelech's analogy. When are we guaranteed, "I will fill it"? When our request is made in a manner similar to the opening of one's mouth before he eats. One doesn't open his mouth while the food is still cooking, nor when it is already on the table. Rather, only when it is on his fork, in front of his mouth. So too, then, when we ask Hashem with certainty that our request is about to be satisfied, we are guaranteed that it will be!

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