

*Those in the waiting room immediately jumped up, the awe and reverence clear upon their faces as the legendary tzaddik of Yerushalayim, Rav Aryeh Levin, entered Dr. Kook's office together with his wife. "Is everything all right?" asked the doctor as he ran out to greet them. "Baruch Hashem," answered Rav Aryeh despite the pain evident on his face, "however, my wife's foot hurts us today."*

Shir Hashirim compares the relationship between Klal Yisroel and our Father in heaven to that of a husband and wife. It is therefore fitting that we find Dovid HaMelech describing his anticipation of Hashem's salvation with the following words (Tehillim 13:6), "But I trust in Your kindness, my heart will exult in Your salvation." Chazal explain that Dovid HaMelech knew his need for salvation was, in essence, Hashem's need for His own salvation, so to speak. For in His great love for us, He feels our every pain as His very own, as the Passuk states, "I (Hashem) am with them in their calamity." Dovid HaMelech in turn, felt Hashem's pain over his own predicament to such an extent that even at the time of his long awaited salvation, his rejoicing was over the fact that this would mean Hashem's own pain would cease. He expressed this to Hashem by saying: "My heart will exult in Your salvation."

This is indeed the ultimate relationship of the most loving couple as we see in our opening story.

