

The Medresh (Psikta Rabasi 31) says that when *klal Yisroel* went into *galus*, Hashem offered to awaken the Avos from their graves to accompany them into *galus* but *klal Yisroel* responded that they want Hashem Himself to accompany them.

Chazal bring a *mashal* to analogize this:

There once was a king who got married. He lived with his wife for many years without having children from her. He said to her, "My daughter! Go marry someone else, and perhaps you will have children from him. Any precious possession you want from your house you may take along with you." She said to him, "If so, I will prepare for you a feast and we will eat and drink, and then I will part from you so that people won't say, 'see the wife of the king, because he hates her he removed her from his house.'" The king agreed. She immediately prepared a feast and the king ate, drank, and became inebriated. At midnight, she ordered her servants who removed the king from his bed and brought him to her father's house. When he awoke, he said, "Where am I lying?" She responded, "In my father's house." He said to her, "And why am I here?" She responded, "You told me to take any precious possession that I want from your house before I leave. I have nothing precious to my eyes or anything that gladdens my heart except for you!"

The question is obvious. The king in our analogy has no issues with his wife. To the contrary he loves her so deeply that he selflessly accepts upon himself the pain of her taking leave of him solely for her own good, so that she may have a chance to bear children. How is this analogous to *klal Yisroel's* most severe rebellion against Hashem that led to His throwing us out of Eretz Yisroel into this terrible exile we are still in until today?

The answer lies in the proper understanding of the *churban* and *galus* in general. It is not the angry judgement a king meets out to his rebellious servant. We are Hashem's beloved children Who He created the entire universe solely for our benefit with love that can never be compromised no matter how low we have fallen. *Galus* is the selfless act of a husband, who out of his infinite love for his wife, is willing to bear the unbelievable suffering of her departure from him solely for her own sake. For he knows it is her only chance for her to receive the ultimate good she seeks!

