



“My beloved is mine, He demanded all of His needs from me; He commanded only me: Make a Passover sacrifice, sanctify the firstborn, make a Mikdash, sacrifice burnt offerings, and He did not demand these things of any other nation. And I am His: All my needs I demanded of Him, and not of other deities.”

I never saw a couple as close to each other as my Grandma and Grandpa. Their many years together, through tragedy as well as happy times, had seemingly fused them into one being. They lived for each other. Each knew no greater joy than the other's happiness and felt no greater sorrow than the other's sadness. I had come that day just for a visit and found Grandpa in bed under the weather. We had been talking for some time when he suddenly called out, “Rachel! I could really use a drink of cold water if you don't mind.” Grandma was shortly at his side, breathing heavily from the climb up the stairs, with two cups of cold water and a warm smile on her face. When she left I asked Grandpa, “Why didn't you just ask me to get the water?” Grandpa turned to me with a smile, “How can I do that to Grandma, she lives to take care of me, just as I live for her. I would never take that away from her, ever!”

“I am to my Beloved,” I live to serve him, it is my one and only wish, therefore, ***“All His needs He only asks of me and of no other.”*** ***“And my Beloved is to me,”*** I dare not deny Him the pleasure of bestowing His kindness upon me for that is in fact the very reason that He created the entire Universe!

Hashem's greatest desire is to benefit us, however, there are times when for our own good, to His great sorrow, He must withhold His kindness until we sincerely ask for it. **We may think we're the ones who desire His salvation but in truth our salvation is His desire.** Chazal explain the *pasuk* in Tehilim, “For Your salvation I await Hashem”, that we await for Hashem's own salvation for when we are hurt, so is He. By focusing on this whenever we *daven*, our *tefillos* take on a whole new meaning and bring us that much closer to true *bitachon* in Hashem's salvation.

