



“Tell My children what I do when they sanctify My Name saying Kadosh Kadosh Kadosh, and teach them to raise their eyes to the Heavens...and they should raise themselves up. For I have no greater pleasure in My universe than when they lift their eyes to the Heavens and My eyes are looking at them. At that time, I grab hold of My holy throne, at the image of Yaakov, and hug it and kiss it and mention their exile and hasten their redemption!” (Tur O”Ch 125)

Why does Hashem “hasten our redemption” when He sees us sanctifying His Name? What is the nature of His “looking into our eyes as we lift them towards Him”? What is symbolized by our “raising ourselves up towards Him” during this prayer?

Perhaps we can answer these questions through a deeper understanding of how the sanctification of Hashem’s Name is brought about. The Malbim on the passuk (Yeshayah 5:16): “...and the Holy G-d is sanctified through tzedakah”, explains that the word “Kadosh” is descriptive of one who rises above his natural human constraints to reach a higher level. This of course cannot in anyway be descriptive of our perception of Hashem (as is the case with other names of Hashem), for He has no natural constraints in the first place. Rather, the description of Hashem as “Kadosh” is realized when we, His nation, rise above our natural abilities by attempting to emulate His ways. Since we only succeed at this through emulating Him, when we do so the name “Kadosh” is sourced back to Him. “...and the Holy G-d is sanctified through tzedakah,” means through the tzedakah that we do in emulation of Him He is sanctified i.e. referred to as “Kadosh”. Perhaps this is the meaning behind the description above of Hashem’s looking into our eyes as we look up to Him. What is unique about looking into one’s eyes as opposed to any other part of his body is the fact that when doing so one sees his own reflection and the description of Hashem as “Kadosh” is only made possible when we emulate Him, acting as a reflection of His greatness. This too can explain the symbolism of our raising our bodies towards Him while we say the Kedushah, for this signifies our attempt to become closer to Him through emulating His ways. This also explains the connection between the “Kedushah” prayer and Hashem’s, “hastening our redemption” mentioned above, for our acting with tzedakah is what will ultimately lead to our redemption, as the passuk says, “Zion with judgment will be redeemed and those who return to it will return through tzedakah.”

