



O maidens of Tzion, go forth and gaze upon the King (Hashem) wearing the crown that His mother gave him on His wedding day - the day of the giving of the Torah. (Shir HaShirim 4:3 with Rashi)

As we approach the Yom Tov of our wedding to Hashem, I wonder: how can I attain the infinite love for Hashem?

The following Pesukim provide us with answers:

Surely, this instruction which I enjoin upon you this day is not too baffling for you, nor is it beyond reach. It is not in the heavens, that you should say, "Who among us can go up to the heavens and get it for us and impart it to us, that we may observe it"? Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who among us can cross to the other side of the sea and get it for us and impart it to us, that we may observe it"? No, the thing is very close to you, in your mouth and in your heart, to observe it. (Devarim 30:11)

The Netziv of Volozhin zt"l explains these Pesukim are in reference to the Mitzvah of loving Hashem. One may think, "It is not possible for me to attain true love for Hashem, **"it is in the Heavens!"** as the Rambam (Yesodei HaTorah 2:2) writes: But how may one discover the way to love and fear Him? When man will reflect concerning His works, and His great and wonderful creatures, and will behold through them His wonderful, matchless and infinite wisdom... Or one may think: **"it's beyond the sea!"** Perhaps if I would have the ability to bask in the presence of Hashem in the Beis HaMikdash I would be able to attain true love for Him, but how can I now?" **No, the thing is very close to you** - all of Klal Yisroel, **in your mouth** - through the songs of praise to Hashem and the song of Torah study. For the nature of the Torah is to instill the love of Hashem in those who toil in it, even without the knowledge of any logical reason for this. **And in your heart to observe it** - however one must have the desire and thirst to attain this love, for without the desire of the heart one most definitely may sing songs all day and study Torah and he will still not taste the love of Hashem without focusing his heart upon it. However, when one does focus, a fierce love of Hashem is awakened within him... For "Hashem and Klal Yisroel are one."

Just like a father and son even if they have never seen each other when they meet, they are drawn to each other immediately!

