

Last week we explained that despite Hashem's infinite love and kindness towards His dear children, His running of the world based upon those facts is relative to our focus upon them. We quoted the Medrash, "*Hashem is your shadow' – just as a shadow, when you show it one finger – it shows you one finger, and if you show it your whole hand – it shows the whole hand, so too Hashem, as much as one shows, so too he is shown.*"

It is important to clarify this concept. Hashem's infinite love for us, and His running of our affairs based upon it, is constant no matter our focus upon it. However, there are levels of the open manifestation of this love and kindness which He holds back, for our own good, due to our lack of focus upon them. This can be explained with the following *mashal*.

*There once was a great king who ruled over a vast kingdom. He had an only son who he loved with all of his heart and soul and provided him with all his needs. However, to his great sorrow the king noticed that his son was constantly worried and unhappy. The king had his son meet with the greatest psychologists in the kingdom. After delving into the matter, the doctors explained to the king that his son had a mental block regarding who in fact was the real provider of all his needs. Therefore, when asked, "How can you be worried or unhappy when you have your every wish fulfilled?" the child would answer, "True I have everything I can ever want today, but who says I'll have it tomorrow?" **To solve this problem, they suggested the king provide his son's desires only when he specifically asks the king for them.** Slowly but surely this will inculcate into him the fact that all his needs and desires are indeed supplied to him by his loving father alone and therefore he will no longer doubt their constant fulfillment. The king followed the doctors' advice and indeed, **shortly thereafter the young prince was the happiest boy in the kingdom**, living with the thought of his good fortune, being the beloved son of the all-powerful king of the entire kingdom, constantly on his mind in full clarity.*

We are the beloved princesses of the King of the entire universe. How can we possibly be worried about our ultimate destiny? Because, as the prince in our story, we have a mental block as to the source of all that we have. The greatest gift Hashem can provide us with is clarity regarding our royal position as his beloved children. Sometimes, the best way to do that is by conditioning his open involvement in the fulfillment of our wishes based upon our focus on who indeed can fulfill them, thereby slowly but surely inculcating within us, Who indeed runs this world. **Through this process we will live a worry-free life, living with the thought of our good fortune, being the beloved sons of the all-powerful King of the entire universe, constantly on our mind in full clarity!**

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