אני לדודי ודודי לי

You (*Klal Yisroel*) **are beautiful, My beloved, when you are favorable to Me. Beautiful are you now** [in exile] **as at first in Yerushalayim.** (*Shir Hashirim* 6:4 with Rashi)

The beginning and end of this *passuk* seem to contradict each other. The beginning seems to convey that *Klal Yisroel* is beautiful specifically when we act favorably, while the end of the *passuk* states that even in our low spiritual state in the depth of our exile we are as beautiful in Hashem's eyes as when we were still in Yerushalayim on the highest levels of spirituality.

We see from here that every Jew, regardless of his current spiritual state is favorable in Hashem's eyes just as when he reaches lofty levels of spirituality. For as Hashem said to Shmuel HaNavi, "For not as man sees [does Hashem see]; man sees only what is visible, but Hashem sees into the heart." And the heart of even the lowest Jew craves to cling to Hashem!

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