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When studying Shir HaShirim, I sometimes think: “If only I wouldn’t have a Yetzer Hara I would be so perfect and cling completely to Hashem however, now that I struggle to overcome it, I am so far from Hashem, and I feel so unworthy of the great love and admiration I know Hashem has for me.” How do I deal with this?

A mere perusal of the beginning of *Shir HaShirim* with the commentary of *Rabbeinu Elisha Kaliko (Shir HaShirim 1:2,3)* will immediately dispel such thoughts: “If only Hashem would **kiss me with the kisses of his mouth**, we would attain the level attained at *Har Sinai* when we heard from His mouth... for then our bodies were totally purified with the uprooting of the *Yetzer Hara*... with no greater perfection, for they would be perfect and attached to the living G-d without any barrier, rising above the level of the ministering angels being that they are still in this world in a body... They therefore craved to merit that state and level as they said: **Let Him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth**, the reason being: **for your love is better than wine**. [However, Hashem responds:] **Because of your fragrance oils**: your *Mitzvos* and virtuous deeds that are presently, goodly, exceedingly so, for you are now overcoming your inclination and physicality with your own strength, conquering the *Yetzer Hara* opposing you in a manner that makes your worthiness great...**Therefore, ‘Alamos,’** the two worlds, **loved you**, both the upper world and the lower, for they are both affected and sustained by you through your fulfillment of Torah and *Mitzvos*. As opposed to if *Klal Yisroel* would be on the level that Shlomo was requesting, for then their power wouldn’t be as great for they would be almost like angels that aren’t effected by evil and their deeds. While perhaps affecting the lower worlds, would surely not affect the upper ones.”

We see from the above that not only does one’s imperfection and struggle with the *Yetzer Hara* not diminish one’s greatness, to the contrary, it defines it. This in fact is what makes you **goodly, exceedingly so, for you are now overcoming your inclination and physicality with your own strength, conquering the yetzer hara opposing you in a manner that makes your worthiness great!**

