

"And see with your eyes." (3:27)

Rashi explains that Hashem responded to Moshe's request that he be permitted to see the "good land" by showing him the entire land. *Horav Nissan Alpert, z.l.*, questions this response. Did Moshe merely want to "see" *Eretz Yisrael*? The *Talmud* in *Sotah 14A* states that Moshe's yearning for *Eretz Yisrael* originated from a deep longing to perform the specific *mitzvos* which are applicable only in *Eretz Yisrael*. Why, then, did Moshe want to "see" the land, and what was Hashem's response?

Horav Alpert explains that Moshe cherished *Eretz Yisrael* for its holiness. He sought the opportunity to imbue *Klal Yisrael* with his unique love for the land. He sought entry into *Eretz Yisrael* specifically for this reason. Moshe *Rabbeinu*, the quintessential leader, lived for his people. His primary goal was to impart this orientation to them. Moshe specifically requested of Hashem, *vrcgt vrtu tb* which is translated as, "Let me go over and see." This phrase may be interpreted as, "I will enable them to see. I will reveal the sublime sanctity which is the essence of *Eretz Yisrael*." Hashem responded that when *Bnei Yisrael* would see Moshe standing on the mountain, full of yearning for the land, they would, in turn, be inspired with love for *Eretz Yisrael*. Moshe's love for *Eretz Yisrael* focused on the land as a vehicle by which to achieve heightened spiritual awareness.