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10 DAYS OF TESHUVA

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“Search out G-d when He is to be found; call upon Him when He is close.”

- Isaiah 55:6



Talmud: These are 10 days between Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur.

Rambam: Teshuva is then more beautiful & immediately received.

Question: Closeness to G-d surely inspires every area of Judaism.
Why single out Teshuva?





THE VERSE

“Search out G-d when He is **FOUND**;
call upon Him when He is **CLOSE**.”



Why the repeat?

FOUND: unexpected & unearned; acquired effortlessly & undeserved:
“*Teshuva*” — accepted despite transgression & undeserving behavior.
(e.g. giving charity to needy person)

CLOSE: Beyond acceptance — closeness & revealed love.
(e.g. comforting words accompanying charitable gift)

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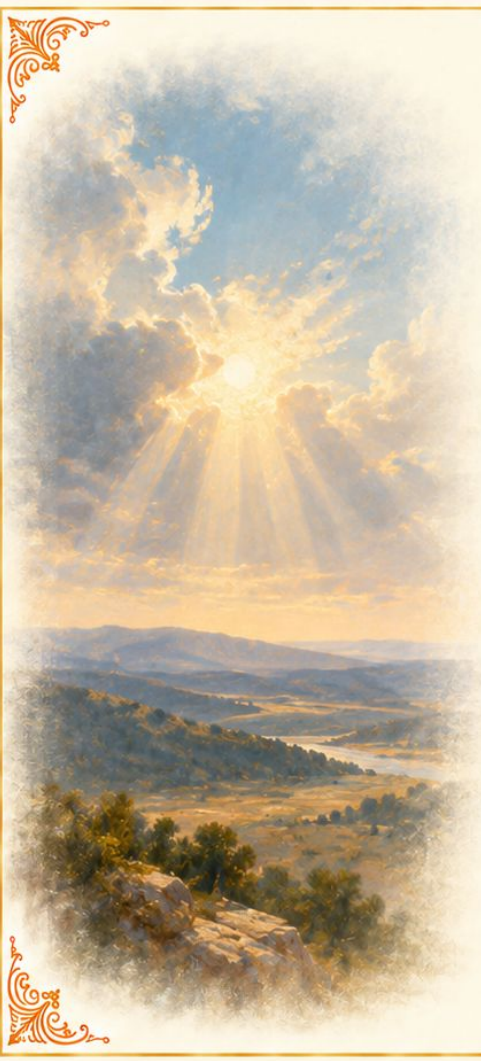
“SEARCH out G-d when He is to be **FOUND**;
CALL upon Him when He is **CLOSE**.”

SEARCH:	Our focused effort to reciprocate G-d's undeserved acceptance— FOUND .
CALL:	Working to reveal G-d's presence within us to reciprocate His revealed love— CLOSE .

As expressed in the principle:

‘As water reflects face to face, so one heart reflects another’

- Proverbs 27:19



HAAZINU CONNECTION

“Listen, O heavens... hear, O earth.”

- Haazinu opening verse

Midrash: Moses was closer to heaven, further from earth.

Connection to 10 Days of Teshuva:

G-d is found & close—empowering us to rise closer to “heaven”, further from “earth”.

CONNECTING THE VERSES

“Listen, O heavens...”

Closer to heaven

...hear, O earth.”

Further from earth

ALTER REBBE:

TORAH STUDY

Service of mind & heart

MITZVOT

Service of obedience & action

CALL upon Him when He is **CLOSE**

Revealed closeness

SEARCH out G-d when He is **FOUND**

Essential bond