



This is Who He Wants

רמב"ם הלכות אישות פכ"ה ה"ב

When a man marries a woman without having made any specifications about the matter, and it is discovered that she has one of the blemishes [that mar] a woman's [appeal to her husband], as outlined above: If the husband neither knew nor heard about this blemish, and did not willingly accept it, he [may] divorce [his wife] without having to pay [her the money due her by virtue of] her kesubah—neither the fundamental requirement nor the additional amount...

...By contrast, with regard to physical blemishes that are openly seen, the husband cannot claim [not to have known about the blemish]. For they can be seen by everyone, and it may be assumed that he heard about them and accepted [the matter].

הכונס אשה סתם ונמצא
בה מום ממומי הנשים שקבר
בארנום ולא ידע הבעל במום
זה ולא שמע בו ורצה הרי זו
תצא בלא כתבה לא עקר ולא
תוספת... וחקקה ששמע ורצה.
אבל מומין שנגלוי אינו יכול
לטען שהרי הכל רואין אותן
ואמרין לו וחקתו ששמע
ונתפס.



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CYCLES OF
LEARNING RAMBAM

לזכות
הרה"ת ר' גד דוד וזוגתו מרת שירה
וילדיהם
נתנאל חיים, נחמה אסתר, חוה מזל,
מנחם מענדל, נעמי חנה,
משה אליהו שיחיו
סבג

At every Jewish wedding under the *chupah*, we say, מקדש עמו ישראל על ידי חופה וקידושין, Hashem married us—the Jewish people—with *chupah* and *kiddushin*.

Just as with a human marriage, if one was aware of the faults of the woman it is self understood that he accepted it willingly, so too Hashem was certainly aware of our flaws, and yet He not only accepted but willingly went along with us.

As the Rambam writes, in his clear and lucid words: “שמע ורצה”—[the husband] heard about it, and **wanted** it. He didn’t merely **accept** it or just go along with it; he truly **wanted** her the way she is. Similarly, Hashem not only accepts us with all our faults and shortcomings; He wants us exactly the way we are, and He opens the door for us to do *teshuvah* for our wrongdoings, bringing us to an even higher level

than where we would have been without our sins.

The lesson is clear: No matter the situation we are in and how lowly we might feel, Hashem is with us at that stage and at that moment, by His choice! And at any moment, Hashem is ready to redeem us from *galus* and take us out of our lowly state, may it be speedily, now!

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