

UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH

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THE STATE OF EXILE

Zion said, "G-d has forsaken me, and G-d has forgotten me." Shall a woman forget her sucking child, [or] cease to have mercy on the child of her womb? These, too, may forget, but I will not forget you. (Yishayah 49:14-15)

In exile, G-d appears to have abandoned us, and we appear to have forsaken Him. Although our essential connection to G-d never changes, we do not always sense this connection. This gap between perception and reality is the condition of exile. By looking beyond the apparent reality and focusing on our essential relationship with G-d, we can live in a Moshiachdike way.

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