



He used to say:

הוא היה אומר:

- Beloved is man for he was created in the image (of God). Greater love was it that made known to him that he was created in the image (of God), as it is said: "For in the image of God made the man (Gen. 9:6)."

• חביב אדם שנברא בצלם. חבה יתרה נודעת לו שנברא בצלם, שנאמר (בראשית ט), כי בצלם אלהים עשה את האדם.
- Beloved are Israel for they were called children (of God). Greater love was it that made known to them that they were called children of God, as it is said: "You are children of the Lord your God (Deut. 14:1)".

• חביבין ישראל שנקראו בנים למקום. חבה יתרה נודעת להם שנברא בנים למקום, שנאמר (דברים יד), בנים אתם לה' אלהיכם.
- Beloved are Israel for there was given to them an instrument with which the world was created. Greater love was it that made known to them that there was given to them an instrument with which the world was created, as it is said: "For a good instruction I have given you, forsake not my Torah (Prov. 4:2)."

• חביבין ישראל, שננתן להם כלי חמדה. חבה יתרה נודעת להם שננתן להם כלי חמדה שבו נברא העולם, שנאמר (משלי ד), כי לקח טוב נתתי לכם, תורתי אל תעזבו: