

ר חנינא לימדתך תורה דרך ארץ שלא יהא החתן נכנס לחופה עד"א . . . א(א:ש ה"שה)באתי לגני אחותי כלה
(1א דף:פסיקתא א)שהכלה נותנת לו רשות

"I am come [back] into My Gardens, My sister, My bride (Song 5:1). . . The Torah teaches one good manners, as that a groom is not allowed to enter the bridal bower until his bride gives him leave."

In the Scriptures God urges the Jewish People to return to Him, but in fact it is God who actively desires to join the community of His People.

God can not join the community of the Jewish People without their consent; perhaps consent is the reciprocation which He seeks in the Scriptures.