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i. This level of love is referred to as *hayom hazeh*, "this day." For the term *zeh* refers to the sublime unity, as evidenced by the fact that, [in contrast to other prophets,] Moshe our Teacher prophesied using that term [(*Sifri, Mattos*), saying (*Bamidbar 30:2, et al.*): "This (*zeh*) is the matter that G-d commanded."] On Rosh Chodesh, the Jewish people receive intellectual powers from the level of *Chochmah* [which is associated with the sublime unity. Since Rosh Chodesh is distinguished by this spiritual quality, it is referred to as *hayom hazeh*, "this day."] See the *maamar* entitled *Vehayah Midai Chodesh*, [*Likkutei Torah, Devarim*, p. 97c]. Therefore, the love [evoked by this level] is characterized by *bittul*.

ii. See the *maamar* cited above.

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