

Giving Your Best

To Hashem, Kayin did bring,
From the fruit of the ground, an offering.
"From the poorest" in Rashi we read,
"There is an Aggadah which says that it was flaxseed."

From this explanation we already could learn,
Why to Kayin's sacrifice, Hashem didn't turn.
To offer from the poorest crop wasn't nice,
It was a disrespectful sacrifice.

But Kayin's intention,
Was to give Hashem a gift to show his appreciation,
So if to bring a sacrifice he did choose,
Then the poorest of the crop, why would he use?

It was the poorest it is true,
But from all the things that grew,
It had the most value,
So Kayin thought that this gift would do.

Flaxseed is special the *בן חמש למקרא* does know,
Because the first river that from Gan Eden did flow,
Was called Pishon, because near it, flaxseed did grow,
The importance of flaxseed, this does show.

From each seed of flax grows one stalk to make linen,
Which was used to make white clothing for the Kohanim Gedolim,
Which they would wear while getting the Yom Kippur service done,
It represents that Hashem is the only one.

Kayin had good intentions in his heart of hearts,
He wanted to bring into this world a level of
Hashem's unity that is higher than parts.
He thought that if Hashem is one why make a separation,
Between the best and worst within a category of creation.

Kayin thought that the most important thing,
Is to bring the best type of offering.
But Hevel had a different opinion than his brother,
From whatever he gave, the best he did offer.

But after Kayin did see that Hashem accepted Hevel's sacrifice only,
Although it wasn't from cattle, it was selected carefully,
The sheep were the firstborn and the fattest there could be,
He should have taken a lesson from his brother instead of getting
angry.

The best from every category, Hashem does desire,
Like a bouquet that has the best of every type of flower.
We take all the different parts in this world and use them to serve
our creator,
Everything is united with Hashem we discover.

The lesson for each of us today,
Is to perform every Mitzva in the most beautiful way!
Like a mountain climber we must constantly climb higher,
To increase in beautifying our Mitzvos is Hashem's desire!

