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The Prophet Isaiah says two things: 'NY 'NY and, later on, NON MY KER 'SK But is this not a contradiction? If the consoler is the prophet, then how can it be God? And if God, how can it be the prophet?

The same question reappears in Halakhah. There is a special commandment to be with the roy of the console the mourner. Yet, when we come to the xxx mourner to console him, we say to him, which will be a mitzvah for man to do so? And if man does it, why invoke God?

The answer is that the job of consolation cannot be done by either one alone. One who is in mourning, one who is in trouble, one who is in crisis, requires the sympathetic ear and helping hand of his neighbor -- and most certainly the help of God.

The enormous task and overwhelming challenge to which I have been summoned is one which I cannot do alone, certainly not without , and also not without the help of all my friends, colleagues, students... - - not one prophet, but all prophets together have to work on the task.