



WHAT ABOUT ROMANTIC LOVE?

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TEXT: Genesis 29:18 And **Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.**
20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and **they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.**

1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come...

**2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom
the **god of this world** hath
blinded the minds of them
which believe not...**

Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the **course of this world**, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past **in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind**; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

2 Samuel 13:1 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a **fair** sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David **loved her**.

2 And Amnon was so vexed, that he **fell sick** for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.

2 Samuel 13:3 **But Amnon had a friend**, whose name was **Jonadab**, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and **Jonadab was a very subtil man.**

2 Samuel 13:15 Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that **the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her.** And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone.

Genesis 34:1 And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.

2 And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and **defiled her.**

3 And **his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and **he loved the damsel...****

"Dr. Audrey Richards, an anthropologist who lived among the Bemba of Northern Rhodesia in the 1930s, once related to a group of them an English folk-fable about a young prince who climbed glass mountains, crossed chasms, and fought dragons, all to obtain the hand of a maiden he loved. The Bemba were plainly bewildered, but remained silent. Finally an old chief spoke up, voicing the feelings of all present in the simplest of questions: 'Why not take another girl?' he asked."

(Nathaniel Branden, *Romantic Love in an Anti-Romantic Age*)

Romance:

"A fabulous relation or story of adventures and incidents, designed for the entertainment of readers; a tale of extraordinary adventures, fictitious and often extravagant, usually a tale of love or war..." (*Web.*, 1828)

Romantically:

"Wildly; extravagantly."

(*Web.*, 1828)

Romantic:

"...sentimental rather than
rational...imaginary...fanciful...*Mus*...not
classical...imaginative..."

(Standard Dictionary, 1895)

[In art, not traditional, classical...Not
following fixed rules...wild...]

Proverbs 7:10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and **subtil of heart.**

11 (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:

18 Come, let us take our **fill of love until the morning: let us **solace ourselves with loves.****

19 For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey:

Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

**2 Corinthians 1:12 For
our rejoicing is this, the
testimony of our
conscience...**

"Unhappy marriages are often occasioned from the headstrong motives of ungoverned passions...Thus [later] come to their senses, and the mask thrown off, they look at one another like utter strangers...love, with no other support, will ever be short-lived and fleeting. It is a fire soon extinguished; and where there is no solid esteem and well-cemented friendship to blow it up, it rarely lights again...a blind, a sudden and intoxication passion, has a natural tendency...to occasion unhappy marriages...Let reason and thought be summoned before..."

(Benjamin Franklin, *Reflections on Courtship and Marriage*, 1759)



ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

Matthew 5:46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

"It is almost startling to find, on consulting an Concordance of the Old and New Testaments, that in the whole of the Bible there is not a single reference to Romantic love."

(Finck, *Romantic Love and Personal Beauty*, 1887)

"...meaning 'court as a lover'
is from 1938..."

(Etymology Online Dictionary)

"My assertion that there are no cases of Romantic love recorded in the Bible naturally aroused opposition...The case for the defense was well summed up in the Rochester Post-Express: '...certainly [Jacob's] pre-matrimonial passion was self-sacrificing, enduring, and hopeful enough for a medieval romance...The courtship of Ruth and Boaz is a bold and pretty love-story...'

(Finck, *Primitive Love and Love Stories*, 1899)

“Professor H. C. Trumball emphatically repudiates my theory in his *Studies in Oriental Theory*...’ Yet in the very first book of the Old Testament...there appears the story of...Jacob’s romantic love for Rachel, a love which was inspired by their first meeting...In all the literature of romantic love in all the ages there can be found no more touching exhibit of true-hearted fidelity of a romantic lover than that which is given of Jacob in the words: ‘And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days for the love he had to her’...’...”
(Finck, *Primitive Love and Love Stories*, 1899)

1 Timothy 4:7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Song of Solomon 4:7 Thou art all fair,
my love; there is no spot in thee.

9 Thou hast **ravished my heart**, my
sister, my spouse; thou hast **ravished my
heart** with one of thine eyes, with one
chain of thy neck.

Proverbs 5:19 **Let** her be as
the loving hind and pleasant
roe; let her breasts satisfy thee
at all times; and **be thou**
ravished always with her love.