

The affectionate love

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B. There are four types of love in the family (three between the husband and the wife):

1. Natural affection (Romans 1:31, KJV –“natural affection” this is for example the love between parents and their children)
2. Intellectual affection, loving rationally (sermon #597_Loving intellectually)
3. Intimate love (sermon #599, the sexual relationship between husband and wife)
4. Affectionate love (sermon #598, this sermon) it is the charm, the love found on each other

C. The objective on this sermon:

1. It is to present the nature of the affectionate love and its practical application to the marriage

D. The definition:

1. Different than intellectual love which exists independently from feelings and it always seeks the wellbeing of the person loved. The word of God mentions about another love, this is the friendship love, affectionate love. Therefore this love is a love based on feelings.
2. While the intellectual love exists on the basis of the value of the loved one, on the other hand affectionate love is based on the charm or the pleasure that is found in the loved one.

E. We will see four pictures of Biblical cases about affectionate love on each case we will practical lessons.

1. Jacob, Leah and Rachel (**Genesis 29**)

2. Samson and Delilah (**Judges 16**)
3. Salomon and his concubines (**1 Kings 11**)
4. Amnon and Tamar (**2 Samuel 13**)

I. JACOB, LEAH AND RACHEL (GENESIS 29)

A. The affectionate love (Genesis 29:11, 16-18, 20, 30-31, 34)

B. The lessons:

1. First of all, woman is different than man in the emotional
 - a. The wife needs affection to be loved by her husband, maybe more than the necessity man has (**Genesis 29:32, 34**).
 - b. Notice the law of God in the Old Testament (**Deut. 24:5**)
 - c. Man needs to learn this reality and difference
2. Sexually intimacy does not equate affectionate love
 - a. Man confuses this two terms often
 - b. Leah had sexual intimacy with Jacob, but she long for affectionate love
 - c. Both things are NOT the same
3. Where there is affectionate love, hardships and sacrifices are forgotten (**Genesis 29:20**)
 - a. Now, consider life without affection, love
 - 1) Leah
 - 2) Peninnah (**1 Samuel 1:4-6**)
 - b. Lack of love, affectionate love is not a justification for divorce
4. Note: The effort of Leah as she tries to solve her relationship by having more children by Jacob. This is not a solution to the problem; it was it neither for Peninnah. This is not a solution for today (consider the young lady who may be tempted to have a child by her boyfriend in order to gain his affection)

II. SAMSON AND DELILAH (JUDGES 16)

A. What kind of love is this?

1. Could it be intellectual love? (**Judges 16:4**)
2. Samson does not try to convert the first woman (**Judges 16:1**) she was not faithful
3. There was only superficial love

B. The lessons:

1. Affectionate love can be abused
 - a. Delilah took advantage of Samson. Notice that the text never says that she loved him. After the three attempts of Delilah to harm Samson, Samson is not aware or does not want to be aware of the power of persuasion of Delilah so that she can take advantage of the situation and get what she really wants, wealth.
 - b. In this we clearly see the power of a beautiful woman or a handsome man of which a person finds deligth. Let us be careful!
2. Affectionate love can blind
 - a. "The Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes..." (**Judges 16:21**). Samson was already blinded by the love for Delilah, Samson was blind to:
 - 1) The cruelty and deceitfulness (**Judges 16:5**) of Delilah
 - 2) Her hidden motive (money, **Judges 16:18**)
 - 3) The enemy who were lying in wait to seized Samson (**Judges 16:9**).
 - 4) The loss of the strength of God (**Judges 16:20**).
 - 5) Being seized and bound in chains (**Judges 16:21**).
 - b. Consider (**Proverbs 26:11**)

- c. "Love is blind"
 - 1) To what is good, for the married couple who already practice intellectual love this love could improved their marital relationship.
 - 2) To what is not good. Without intellectual love, many times it is a one way relationship, it is not balanced.

III. SOLOM AND HIS CONCUBINES (1 KINGS 11)

A. Read 1 Kings 11:1-8

B. The lessons:

1. Affectionate love could separate a person from God
 - a. For Solomon, "This can never happen to me, I am wise, I will convert them to God"
 - b. The young man or woman who thinks to engage in marriage with their boyfriend, girlfriend who is not a Christian: "That can never happen to me, I have wisdom, and I know what the word of God says. I will convert him/her to Christ" Unfortunately, for some this never comes and sometimes they are dragged from being a Christian to believe in something else.
2. If love, affectionate love has involved us in adultery then it could complicate repentance, because it will be harder to get out of that illicit situation. See (**Ezra 10:1, 19, 44**).

C. Compare affectionate love with intellectual love

IV. AMNON AND TAMAR (2 SAMUEL 13)

A. Read 2 Samuel 13:1-19

B. The lessons:

1. Love can frustrate and make you ill (**2 Samuel 13:2**) Let us be careful!
2. It could turn into to hate (**2 Samuel 13:15**)
 - a. A tragic example of affectionate love without the intellectual love
 - b. It could surprise us and the result can be the opposite of what we are expecting
 - c. One of the delights (based upon the affectionate love) that Amnon found in Tamar was her virginity, and he took it away from her. No wonder he hated her.
3. The seed of all of this was already planted in chapter 11 (the adultery of David with Bathsheba). Fathers, let us be careful with our example, in our morality, and our very conduct!

CONCLUSION:

A. Is there affectionate love in your marriage?

1. If not, do you wish to have it?
2. A good understanding of the nature of this love could help us restore it.
3. Affectionate love cannot be demanded and or obligated. The wife to the husband: "The Bible says that you have to love me!"
4. Question, do you keep yourself in such manner that your wife or husband finds in you delight? Ask yourself this question, Am I a husband that does not care of my physical aspect? Am I indifferent to my aspect and maturity, responsibility, considerate?

B. The wise man will consider all of these things and will pay attention to the teachings of the word of God and its examples which illustrate the good and the bad about affectionate love so that we can strive and arrive to have a strong love toward our spouse (**Song of Solomon 8:6-7**).

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