

Relationships that Honor God 3: Flame

Discussion Questions

Q1. Why is love so complex?

Q2. What is it about love that makes us all really want to experience it – having someone actually love us and accept us just the way we are?

Read Song of Songs 2:7

Q3. What do you think it means to “not arouse or awaken love until it so desires”?

Q4. Do you think this advice is important? Why or why not?

Q5. Do we generally, in today’s world, treat the concept of love the same way as the people in Song of Songs – as a sacred, beautiful, and mysterious treasure? Why or why not?

Q6. Do you think the word “love” loses its meaning when we use it for so many things? Does this affect our understanding of what real love is?

Review the 3 Types of Hebrew Love

Q7. How many relationships have you seen where all the flames are burning as one?

Q8. Do you think it’s possible to be satisfied without having all 3 flames burning? Why or why not?

Q9. What do you think it means to give all of yourself to another person? What would that look like?

Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

Song of Songs 2:7 (p. 400)

⁷ Promise me, O women of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles and wild deer,
not to awaken love until the time is right

3 Types of Hebrew Love

1. raya... friend/companion

Song of Songs 4:7 (p. 400)

⁷ You are altogether beautiful, my darling,
beautiful in every way.

2. ahava... commitment/will

Song of Songs 8:7 (p. 402)

⁷ Many waters cannot quench love,
nor can rivers drown it.
If a man tried to buy love
with all his wealth,
his offer would be utterly scorned.

3. dode... sexual

Song of Songs 1:2 (p. 399)

² Kiss me and kiss me again,
for your love is sweeter than wine.