

Pure Sex – “*The Real Thing*”

In the OT there are various words used to describe our English word for “love.” We’ll look at 3 of those tonight:

1. *Rea’* (Song of Sol. 5:16) This Hebrew word means Friend/Companion. It’s like how we would describe the relationship with someone we like to hang out with; a soul mate. It is the core of true biblical love. (*Why would it be helpful for a loving relationship to start as a friendship?*)

2. *Ahabah* (Prov. 27:5; Song of Sol. 2:5; 8:6) This Hebrew word means “deep affection.” It’s when “your mind and heart are bent toward your lover with such passion and intensity that you can think of little else.” It is love of the will, a decision to join your life to someone else! It’s way more profound than fleeting romantic feelings, it’s what makes things last! (*Where do our feelings come into play with this type of love? How is this type of love misunderstood in many relationships?*)

3. *Dowd* (Prov. 7:18; Song of Sol. 1:2; 4:10) This Hebrew word means to “boil,” or “to rock, fondle or corouse.” It is the physical, sexual element of a true biblical marriage relationship. This “flame” by itself cannot satisfy, it was never meant to satisfy by itself! One “flame” burning by itself will never burn as hot as all 3 burning together!

True sexuality is big and vast and involves all of who we are as people! Sex is not just a physical act! (*How big of a role do you think the sexual part of love should play in a healthy marriage? Why do you think this part of love is so often pursued first and foremost in a lot of relationships? Why is it that this love by itself can never satisfy?*)