

EROS LOVE**SONGS OF SOLOMON 1:2-4; 7:6-8, PROVERBS 5:15-19**

- Eros life is about COVENANT (holy and exclusive) – there is no separation. You are me.
- So much sacrificial giving and receiving we can no longer tell where one begins, and one ends.
- **1 CORINTHIANS 6:15-17, 1 CORINTHIANS 7:4**
- Reserved for the marriage covenant. Do not awaken this kind of love before its time.
 - Your marriage must be on fire with romance.
 - Only I am permitted to feel that way about my wife and vice versa.
 - We are not permitted to feel that way about anybody else.
 - Society has made *eros* love the goal outside of marriage, leading many into fornication and adultery.

IDEAL: AGAPE → STORGE → PHILEO → EROS

ERRORS:

- When *Eros* is introduced first = Lust, Fornication, Adultery
 - Pornography = sexual obsession without the need for *agape* or *phileo*.
 - For example – Amnon hated half-sister, leads to hate or self-hate.
 - In the case of abuse, the highest desired form of love is *phileo* because it is safe, and intimacy in the marriage may suffer unless there is genuine healing.
- When *Agape* leads to *Eros* without *Phileo*
 - Arranged marriages. E.g., Fiddler on the Roof
 - Marrying too soon or too early and not knowing the person
 - Possible with a lot of prayer and hard work
 - Unresolved personal issues.
 - Leads to I love you as a person, but there is something missing. Soon *Eros* is not enough to sustain the relationship.
- Absence of *Phileo/Storge*
 - Anything considered more than *agape* goes directly to *Eros* – what do you want?
 - When *Phileo* has struggled in the past = trust issues
 - When *Storge* has struggled
 - Strong *agape* = you are not my mother, why are you trying to control me?
 - If a relationship leads to *Eros* = quest to replace mother/father love, end up with someone just like parents.