



“SIR, I HAVE NO MAN TO PUT ME INTO THE POOL WHEN
THE WATER IS STIRRED UP...” (JOHN 5:7)

SICK FOR 38 YEARS

- 40 = PERFECTION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
- “FOR ALL THE LAW IS FULFILLED IN ONE WORD, EVEN IN THIS: ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’” (GAL. 5:14)
- “...LOVE IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW.” (ROM. 13:10)
- 2 = LOVE
- 38 = LACK OF LOVE

The background is a light gray gradient. It is decorated with several realistic water droplets of various sizes, some clustered in the top left and bottom right corners. A faint, large circular pattern, resembling a ripple or a stylized sunburst, is centered in the upper half of the image.

CRAVING LOVE

*“ PSYCHOLOGISTS HAVE CONCLUDED THAT
THE NEED TO FEEL LOVED IS A PRIMARY
HUMAN EMOTIONAL NEED. FOR LOVE, WE
WILL CLIMB MOUNTAINS, CROSS SEAS,
TRAVERSE DESERT SANDS, AND ENDURE
UNTOLD HARDSHIPS. WITHOUT LOVE, ”
MOUNTAINS BECOME UNCLIMBABLE, DESERTS
UNBEARABLE, AND HARDSHIPS OUR PLIGHT IN
LIFE.”*

– GARY CHAPMAN

ALL HUMANITY CRAVES LOVE

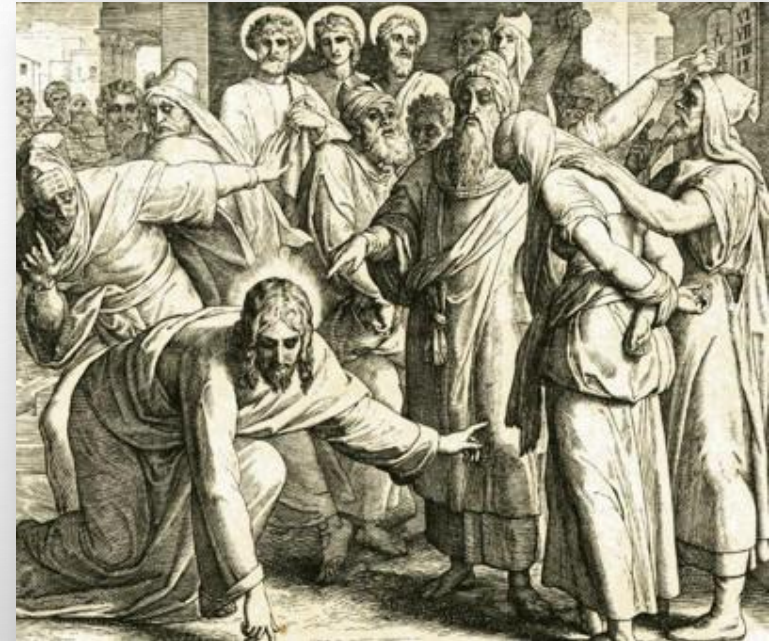
EVERYONE NEEDS TO LOVE AND BE LOVED

- LOVE IS SOMETHING SHARED
- “WE LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US.” (1 JN. 4:19)
- SOME TRY TO COVER THEIR NEED FOR LOVE



THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM UNFULFILLED LOVE OFTEN SUFFER FROM INTERNAL ANGER OR RESENTMENT

- AT ONESELF
- AT OTHERS



THE CRAVING FOR LOVE WILL NEVER BE SATISFIED BY MEN

- “FOR MY PEOPLE HAVE COMMITTED TWO EVILS: THEY HAVE FORSAKEN ME, THE FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATERS, AND HEWN THEMSELVES CISTERNS—BROKEN CISTERNS THAT CAN HOLD NO WATER.” (JER. 2:13)
- WE MUST BE CONNECTED TO THE SOURCE

THOSE WHO ARE FILLED WITH DIVINE LOVE WILL BECOME LIKE STRANGERS IN THIS WORLD

- “WHEN PHARAOH HEARD OF THIS MATTER, HE SOUGHT TO KILL MOSES. BUT MOSES FLED FROM THE FACE OF PHARAOH AND DWELT IN THE LAND OF MIDIAN; AND HE SAT DOWN BY A WELL. NOW THE PRIEST OF MIDIAN HAD SEVEN DAUGHTERS. AND THEY CAME AND DREW WATER, AND THEY FILLED THE TROUGHS TO WATER THEIR FATHER'S FLOCK. THEN THE SHEPHERDS CAME AND DROVE THEM AWAY; BUT MOSES STOOD UP AND HELPED THEM, AND WATERED THEIR FLOCK. WHEN THEY CAME TO REUEL THEIR FATHER, HE SAID, ‘HOW IS IT THAT YOU HAVE COME SO SOON TODAY?’

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- “AND THEY SAID, ‘AN EGYPTIAN DELIVERED US FROM THE HAND OF THE SHEPHERDS, AND HE ALSO DREW ENOUGH WATER FOR US AND WATERED THE FLOCK.’ SO HE SAID TO HIS DAUGHTERS, ‘AND WHERE IS HE? WHY IS IT THAT YOU HAVE LEFT THE MAN? CALL HIM, THAT HE MAY EAT BREAD.’ THEN MOSES WAS CONTENT TO LIVE WITH THE MAN, AND HE GAVE ZIPPORAH HIS DAUGHTER TO MOSES. AND SHE BORE HIM A SON. HE CALLED HIS NAME GERSHOM, FOR HE SAID, ‘I HAVE BEEN A STRANGER IN A FOREIGN LAND.’”

(EX. 2:15–22)

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- “FOR WE HAVE SPENT ENOUGH OF OUR PAST LIFETIME IN DOING THE WILL OF THE GENTILES—WHEN WE WALKED IN LEWDNESS, LUSTS, DRUNKENNESS, REVELRIES, DRINKING PARTIES, AND ABOMINABLE IDOLATRIES. IN REGARD TO THESE, THEY THINK IT STRANGE THAT YOU DO NOT RUN WITH THEM IN THE SAME FLOOD OF DISSIPATION, SPEAKING EVIL OF YOU.” (1 PET. 4:3–4)



SUMMARY

1. ALL HUMANITY CRAVES FOR LOVE
2. EVERYONE NEEDS TO LOVE AND BE LOVED
3. THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM UNFULFILLED LOVE OFTEN SUFFER FROM INTERNAL ANGER OR RESENTMENT
4. THE CRAVING FOR LOVE WILL NEVER BE SATISFIED BY MEN
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NEXT WEEK: DRINKING OF DIVINE LOVE

