

*Women's Wisdom*  
*Garden of Peace Series Part 2*

**The Real Meaning of Love**

“True marital bliss is one of the greatest pleasures that exist in the world. Genuine love and unity in marriage is a delight to the soul. Love is what we all need most. It inspires the greatest of happiness”

***The love that exists between a husband and wife is a catalyst for limitless blessings.***

***The Tale of Two Brothers***

*A Legend taught by Rabbi Yoshef Chaim of Baghdad, the renowned Ben Ish Chai of blessed memory.*

Two brothers lived on two sides of a mountain. One was rich but had no children, one had many children but was very poor.

The rich brother thought, I have so much my brother has so little, let me secretly cross the mountain in the middle of the night and bring my brother extra crop. The poor brother said, I derive so much happiness from my children, let me secretly bring my brother some of my crop so he could have a little extra joy in this world.

And so it went every night each of the brothers secretly crossed the mountain to bring their brother food. Every morning the brothers would inspect their stock to learn nothing was missing. Neither could explain the phenomena but they thanked G-d for His kindness and continued in their good will.

After years of this routine a schedule change occurred. Instead of the two brothers missing each other in the night, there on top of the mountain the two brothers met. They looked at each other in surprise and then simultaneously realized what had been happening for all the years. They both spontaneously embraced one another there on top of the mountain as they cried for joy.

Who these two brothers were we do not know, but it was on that mountain top, says the Medrash that G-d decided the *Beit Hamikdash*, the Holy Temple, should be built.

**Another two brothers...**

At the same time another two brothers lived, one wealthy and childless and one poor but blessed with many children. But these brothers hated each other. Either brother hated and envied the possession and status of the other. They endeavored to steal a sack of grain from the other.

One fateful night, they discovered each other's evil deeds.

Their hearts overflowed with hatred and they cursed and beat one another. When G-d witnessed such hatred, He declared that His Divine Presence would not dwell there. A house of idolatry was erected on that very spot, spreading the message of heathen bloodshed, division and strife.

## Our Personal Temples

The above tale emphasizes how precious the attribute of true love is in the eyes of Hashem. He chose the place of His Temple because of the love that was shared there.

- When Hashem witnesses true love between husband and wife The Divine Presence will dwell in their midst and turn their home into a miniature Holy Temple. –A place of holiness and blessing.
- If a couple lives in conflict and hatred, G-d withdraws His Divine Presence from their home thus rendering their home a place of strife and perpetual controversy.

## The True meaning of love is GIVING

*The love between husband and wife should be selfless, each taking true pleasure in giving to the other*

A wife should:

- Evaluate herself, ask if she truly gives to her husband without expecting or demanding compensation
- Be honest with herself, without personal evaluation and honest introspection how will we be able to improve the status of our lives.
- Strive to give of herself to even a greater extent than the love she feels for her husband.
- Not wait until she feels a sensation of love to give, because giving will cause the love to flourish.
- Look for the good in her husband and in herself

**When we live in strife we EVICT G-d from our homes, for he CANNOT live in a place where there is no true love.**

If you are struggling in the area of love know that **“true love grows from GIVING”** it motivates love not only in the giver but by the recipient.

## Hollywood love vs REAL love

*True love is built not found.*

- True love requires both patience and serious effort, and prayer.
- It is built over years out of the genuine desire to attain love.

## Moriahs Challenge!

Perform 7 “random acts of kindness” for your husband, seeking only to please him and giving selflessly to him. Make sure the things you choose are specifically things he would enjoy and not things that YOU would enjoy for him.

I would love to hear about your experiences, please email me at [Moriah@AbrahamsDescendants.com](mailto:Moriah@AbrahamsDescendants.com)

## **Prayer; A Woman's Greatest Strength and Power**

*"A woman's main strength lies in her power to pray on behalf of her husband and children."*

The *Midrash* tells a story of a very pious couple who, unable to have children after 10 years of marriage. As such, they divorced. The pious man married an evil woman, and became as evil as she. The wife, married an evil man, and transformed him into a righteous person.

**The strongest power G-d blessed women with is our capacity to pray.**

A woman knows how to pray for her home because she is keenly aware of everything that happens within it; she knows exactly whom and what she should pray for. She sees the need of the entire household best.

**Prayer is the epitome of giving.**

### **OUR ULTIMATE GOAL**

When we can say to ourselves, "it doesn't matter what he does or doesn't do. I want to fulfill my role; I want to give myself to the people that I love. I want to learn to be the best possible influence on my husband. I want to understand what I can do to make my husband happy. I will pray that he overcomes all of his shortcomings and that G-d will help him to improve, and I will give him encourage and love him along the way.

The decision is in our hands. It ALL depends on love! When a married couple enjoys true love for one another, a love based on giving and thoughtfulness without any ulterior motive whatsoever, then their home becomes a personal temple, a suitable place for The Divine One, Blessed be he, to come and dwell.

I pray this message is received in the love that it was sent, until next time. Shalom

Moriah :)

### **Building Jerusalem**

Our sages, of blessed memory, teach that rejoicing with a bride and groom is tantamount to rebuilding a part of Jerusalem. By rejoicing with the bride and groom, we enhance the love between them and the couple gains an increased incentive to build a peaceful home suitable for The Divine Presence. This is comparable to rebuilding a portion of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, the dwelling place of The Divine Presence.