

Finding Love In All The Wrong Places!

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Gen 6:1-8 (ESV) ¹ When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, ² the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. ³ Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." ⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown. ⁵ The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

1. What was wrong with these relationships?

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3 Theories:

1) ANGELS/FALLEN ANGELS and HUMANS

Job 1:6 (ESV) ⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

Job 2:1 (ESV) ¹ Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

Job 38:7 (ESV) ⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Dan 3:25 (ESV) ²⁵ He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

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All believers are called "sons of God."

Rom 8:16 (ESV) ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Adam was called "son of God"

Luke 3:38 (ESV) ³⁸ the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Matt 22:30 (ESV) ³⁰ For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

2) The GODLY and the WORLDLY.

2 Cor 6:14-15 (ESV) ¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? ¹⁵ What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?

3) ARISTOCRATS and COMMONERS

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2. What you should do if looking for a mate.

Pr 18:22 (ESV) ²² He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD.

Matt 6:25 (ESV) ²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"

This is what to do...

1) Prioritize SEEKING GOD FIRST.

Matt 6:33 (ESV) ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matt 22:37-38 (ESV) ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment.

2) Change emphasis from FINDING someone to BECOMING someone.

Matt 22:39-40 (ESV) ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

QUESTION: "Am I seeing those traits in me?"

3) Trust God with my FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS.

Matt 6:34 (ESV) ³⁴ "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

3. If married – Commit to marriage FOR LIFE.

Malachi 2:16 – God hates divorce

Heb 13:4 (ESV) ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

Success in marriage...

- 1) Put God first in your life.
- 2) Be the right person.
- 3) Work through your differences.

1 Cor 13:5 (ESV) "... It does not insist on its own way..."