



Exposing the lies
our culture tells us.

Lie #4: All You Need is Love

INTRODUCTION – Tapping Each Other on the Shoulder

Hessed (Heb) = Love as loyalty, faithfulness, covenant.

Agape (Gk) = Love as unconditional, inclusive service.

Rightly understood, love IS all you need. But our culture makes two mistakes in its definition of love: a) that love is an emotion, and b) that love is exclusive. When we make the first mistake we give up the power of choice. When we make the second mistake, we believe the lie that in order to love some people (e.g., ourselves, our spouse, our family), we cannot love everyone else. We assume that we must choose between loving some and not others.

Hessed corrects the first myth.

Agape corrects the second.

When we choose to love rightly, everyone benefits.

Exposing The Lie – “The Story of Stuff”

[Take notes here!]

Detoxifying With Truth – Living In Tune With Creation

Micah 6:6-8

He has shown all you people what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to LOVE (*Aheb* – desire/passion) MERCY (*Hessed* – Loyal love) and to walk humbly with your God.
~ Micah 6:8 (TNIV)

Our culture says we should love passion.

But God calls us to be passionate about love.

Our culture says we should be committed to the way of desire.

But God calls us to desire the way of commitment.

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The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to WORK it and KEEP it.
~ Genesis 2:15 (ESV)

“Work/Cultivate” = *Abad*; to serve (as in **Joshua 24:15**; etc.).

“Keep/Watch over” = *Shamar*; to guard, to safeguard, to take care of, to look after.

We are to serve the needs of creation, just as it serves our needs.
Garden and gardeners in reciprocal relationship.

Numbers 6:22-27

CONCLUSION – Honouring God By Loving The Needy

Whoever mistreats the poor insults their Maker,
but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.
~ Proverbs 14:31 (NCV)

Matthew 25:40

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