

# Readings from the Word of God

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### **John 2:1-11 (Kempton Project Translation, modified)**

<sup>1</sup> And on the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> And both Jesus was invited and His disciples to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> And when the wine was lacking, the mother of Jesus says to Him, "They have no wine."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus says to her, "What is there to Me and to you, woman? My hour is not yet come."

<sup>5</sup> His mother says to those ministering, "Whatever He shall say to you, do it."

<sup>6</sup> And there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the purification of the Jews, containing two or three measures apiece. <sup>7</sup> Jesus says to them, "Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the top." <sup>8</sup> And He says to them, "Draw some out now, and bring it to the chief of the feast." And they brought it. <sup>9</sup> And when the chief of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but those ministering who drew the water knew), the chief of the feast calls the bridegroom, <sup>10</sup> and says to him, "Every man first puts out the good wine, and when they have had enough, then the lesser; you have kept the good wine until now."

<sup>11</sup> This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

## **Psalm 104:14-15 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> He causes the grass to grow for the cattle,  
And vegetation for the service of man,  
That he may bring forth food from the earth,  
<sup>15</sup> And wine that makes glad the heart of man,  
Oil to make his face shine,  
And bread which strengthens man's heart.

## **Isaiah 24:7-8 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> The new wine fails, the vine languishes,  
All the merry-hearted sigh.  
<sup>8</sup> The mirth of the tambourine ceases,  
The noise of the jubilant ends,  
The joy of the harp ceases.

## ***Married Love §147***

Married love is purified and refined according to a person's renunciation of promiscuity.... The reason for this is that married love cools as soon as it becomes divided, and the growing coldness causes it to die, it being the heat of unchaste love that kills it. When the warmth of married love displaces and casts out the heat of promiscuous love, therefore, married love begins to grow pleasantly warm and, from a sensation of its delights, to bud and blossom, like an orchard or rose garden in springtime.

## **John 15:12-14 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

## ***Married Love §289***

[M]arried couples who for various reasons are discordant in mind, alternate between disagreement and trust, between estrangement and closeness, even between quarrelling and making up or reconciliation. The appearance of friendship... brings about reconciliation.

## ***Married Love §71:1-2***

[I]n the degree that a married person abstains from extra-marital affairs, even as regards the lusts of his will and his consequent intentions, in the same degree married love is purified in him and becomes progressively spiritual, first during his life on earth, and afterwards in heaven.

No love can ever become pure in human beings, nor in angels. So neither can this love. But because the Lord primarily regards the intention that is in the will, therefore to the extent that a person has the intention and perseveres in it, to that extent he is introduced into the purity and holiness of this love, and gradually makes progress in it.