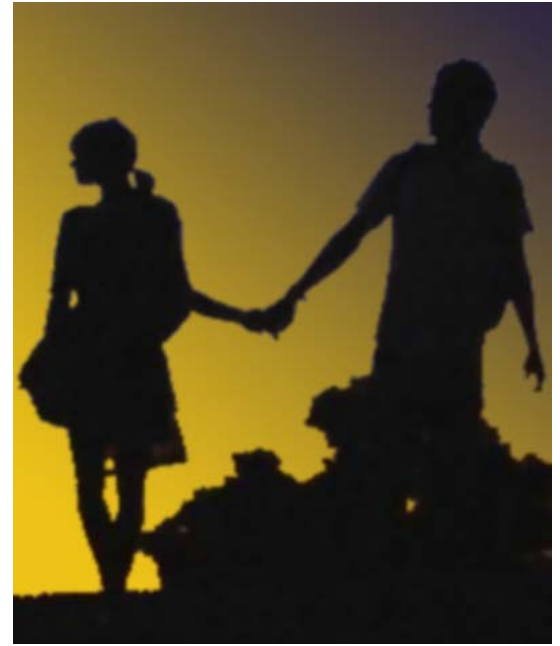


"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:" Deuteronomy 6:4-6 KJV

If someone has your heart, their mere presence gratifies your soul! We should be so intimate with God: Our heart continually gladdened as He is ever present. Sweethearts need no other company or activity to make any moment together complete, but even in a crowded room there is none but the other in their thoughts; all else is but an annoying distraction. We need to be God's "sweetheart." When He becomes our obsession, the center of our universe, then we will find peace, joy, contentment, and happiness. His commandments will become opportunities to please, instead of dull duty. Each time He touches our soul with Truth, it should thrill us to our very core; exciting us to heady heights of euphoria! This doesn't happen for most believers, because they are not intimate with God! Oh, they love Him for His gifts, to be sure, but they haven't progressed beyond the foyer of the relationship. They are still sitting in the parlour with chaperones! Our relationship with God needs some late evening alone time sitting on the porch swing talking, or walking hand in hand down the quiet lane together at sunset. The mere thought of God should delight our soul to hours of contemplation of His love, provision, protection, and presence. The anticipation of a rendezvous with the Almighty in prayer or study ought to send quivers of delight racing through us! We ought long to linger in the stolen moments we find ourselves alone with Him. Time should stop while we bask in the glow of Divine intimacy. Is this the case with your relationship with God? Sweethearts are fascinated by every nuance of the other's personality and character. They relish anticipating how to please one another; for the other's delight is their delight! Do we know God so well? Are the nuances of His character and personality fascinating and endearing to us? Ah! That it would be so! When God brings us through trial and suffering, count it but a glimpse of the hell He endured to redeem you! That in a finite way you can understand and reciprocate His infinite Love for you! Multiply your troubles by a trillion and you may just have begun to scratch the surface of the depths of humiliation and horror the Son endured for His Bride! *"The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."* The destination is worth any trials of travel when homeward bound! You are at home even in the journey, if "Home is where your heart is!"



Lover's Lane is in the heart,
Forever throned to never part,
A single word should our soul thrill,
A gentle touch should melt our will. ~CGP

The Apostle said it best, *"I count all but dung that I may win Christ."* Every waking moment ought be obsessed with trying to please God with our daily work and routine but a momentary annoyance. Gaining His approval is our highest praise and our greatest delight! *"Delight thyself also in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart."* What do sweethearts most desire?

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV