



“I have loved you deeply,” says the LORD . “Yet you reply, “Really? How much have You loved us?” Malachi 1:2 NLT

It is a trap of self-pity. Selfishness only sees itself. When it does see others it is measuring them against itself and evaluating how they may be of significance to them and to their agenda. Selfishness always sees others as deficient and self is always in need of more! More attention – more time – more love! Selfishness, like a black hole, consumes all those around it, focusing only on personal attainment and enlargement, and thinking rarely of the needs of others.

Like a child when deprived of his own selfish way and then striking out at his parents with such hurtful words – “you don’t love me” – when in truth, the discipline of the moment is proof of parental love! (Hebrews 12:5 – 11). Such is the posture of selfish and immature believers. When they perceive things have gone wrong in their lives they lash out at God and say foolish, untrue things... “Really, how have You loved me?” “If You loved me You would...!”

“God commends His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8).

Lay an ax to the root of all such thoughts, words and attitudes about God and His character! It’s time to grow up in Christ!

“LORD, forgive me for ever questioning Your love for me. Forgive me for questioning Your rightful and proper discipline of me. Father, thank You for giving to me the everlasting proof of Your love – Your Son, Jesus Christ!”

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