

As many of you know, I have been reading a book on GOD'S LOVE. In the book the author asked the following question. *“Imagine God thinking about you. What do you assume HE feels when YOU come to mind.?”*

I think that this is a wonderful question and one which we all should honestly answer deep within ourselves. The author goes on to suggest that many who have responded to the question think that God feels disappointment, or anger, or perhaps frustration, or sorrow or even emptiness.

Of course there are teachers and authors assure us that God is OVERJOYED anytime we come to Him, and I believe that is indeed the case, butthat was not the question. The question was, *“What do you assume HE feels when YOU come to mind.?”*

On a good day some people might think that God would be fairly neutral at the very best, but for the most part the response would likely be a bit less positive.

As Christians, we should know (deep in our knowers) that God is madly in love with us and that His every response is eagerly positive. Even after hours and days of failure and sin, He is eagerly reaching toward us. That happens to be the truth, no matter how *we think* HE feels, but trying to believe that truth may be a bit more difficult than just saying the words.

This is an important topic because it is important what we think and believe— particularly WHAT WE THINK and BELIEVE ABOUT GOD!

If or when we think that God is disappointed or angry or frustrated with us, we are imagining a god of our own creation – created in our own image, or the image which some teacher has offered us rather than the God Who created us and loves us with abandon. We actually are worshiping or seeking another god rather than the true and living God. We may actually be believing what God's arch-enemy is saying rather than what the Spirit is saying.....

The Bible says in Romans 5, verse 8 *“... God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”* He demonstrated the greatest love possible and it was demonstrated to actively sinning sinners! And since *“He who did not spare His own Son, but freely gave Him up to die, will He not also with Him freely give us all things?”* [Rom.8:32] The expected answer is an emphatic **“YES!!!”** He does cartwheels when HE sees me coming! He is planning stuff for you and me that is above all that we could ask or think...[Rom.8:29-39; Eph3:20]

Now, even with these proof-texts and the encouragement of honest Bible teachers, we still need a revelation of this truth through the Spirit of God. The mind might (on the surface) agree that God's loving heart is ever-reaching toward us, while deep down within we suspect that HE is at least a bit frustrated if not very angryor even bored with us. And while that deep inner thought grips us, we are likely to be VERY RELUCTANT to seek His face. We will attempt to avoid that anger, rejection, or frustration by hiding at least until we feel better about ourselves. [We learned that from Adam and Eve.]

So often days pass without that living love-encounter that gives us life – the abundant life that is only available to the Children of God. [Jn.10:10] Even the fear that He might find us boring works to keep us away from our Father who loves us far more deeply than any earthly father ever could.

We may wonder, “What could I possibly say to interest God?” What does any two-year-old say that interests a really loving father? EVERYTHING the kid says is INTERESTING!

EVERYTHING ABOUT THE KID IS INTERESTING..... even when his diapers are full and he has mud on his face!

Does any natural man love better than the Father of all flesh? Of course NOT!!! But, the father-of-lies would cause us to suspect and reject GOD as He really is, even though God Himself has already demonstrated a far deeper love than any natural man is capable of. But, the natural man's mind is easily persuaded that God is too far out -too holy and disconnected - to really love fallen and failing men. And those thoughts have reached and registered in each of us – and every so often they come again to haunt us.

‘Father, please forgive me for harboring the lies of Your enemy. I would like to give absolutely NO PLACE FOR EITHER him OR HIS LIES. Would you reveal again to me the truths of God so that “Christ may dwell in [my] heart through faith; and that I, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, of the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled up to all the fullness of God.”

Amen! ‘ Eph 3:17-19

Blessings,

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Did you notice that knowing love came firstand then all the fullness of God?? Hmmmmmmm.