

A little child may shake his puny fist at a big man and curse him and revile him but the man would be small indeed if he felt compelled to enter into personal encounter with the little child to prove his superiority.

On the other hand a little child may see a big sharp razor and be attracted by its shining edge, and want it. He may demand that his parents give it to him. Foolish indeed would be the parents who thought that it was necessary to give the child what he asked or else to admit that they did not love him. Love often shows itself in withholding as well as in giving. A parent's love to a child does not show itself so well in giving a child what the child asks as in providing what is best for the child.

Many people have the feeling toward the Almighty that the child who wants the razor has toward his parent. They think that if the Almighty really loves them, He will give them what they ask. But the knowledge and goodness of God far exceed our knowledge. We cannot conceive of the goodness of the things that He wishes to give to us, if only we can receive them.

I heard a case recently of a parent whose child was very ill. The parents prayed very earnestly that God would restore the child to health. God did cause the child to be cured. The parents constantly say, was not God good to give us back our child. But someone asked would not God have been just as good if the child had died. It was hard for the parents to realise it, but in the end they had to