

FIRE BY NIGHT

"Reflections Upon Reflections" [of The Father's Heart]

...."You, in Your great compassion, did not forsake them in the wilderness; The pillar of cloud did not leave them by day, to guide them on their way, or the pillar of fire by night, to light for them the way in which they were to go".... Nehemiah 9:19 NASB

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THE VISION OF THE HURDLES

"hurdle" - barrier; obstacle;

VISION: I saw a person standing on an oval track *[of the track and field variety]*. On the track there were various hurdles. I saw the person standing in front of one of the hurdles just simply looking at it - thinking that it was insurmountable.

The Father spoke to me and said:

The "person" in the vision is representative of many of those who are seeking to fulfill the fullness of their destiny in Christ.

The "track" is representative of the "race" that each one of My precious children are called to.

The "hurdles" represent both the hindrances of the Enemy and any ground of fear and pride still remaining in one's heart.

The fact that the person was standing still and "looking at" the hurdle *[obstacle, hindrance]* is representative of the fact that many have allowed themselves to become stagnant *[through the work of a "spirit of lethargy"]* and passive in an area of their walk. Their eyes have been lowered to view the hurdle rather than the reality of My Word *[the "finished" work of My Dear Son]*.

Because of these things, they have lacked the "spiritual momentum" to leap over the hurdle[s] in front of them. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that

they *[those who have allowed themselves to be "hindered"]* begin to "run" the true race - which is a race "propelled" by faith *[which is activated and energized by Love]*, trust and obedience.

"propel" - to drive, or cause to move, forward or onward; to impel or urge onward;

.... *"Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but [only] one receives the prize? So run [your race] that you may lay hold [of the prize] and make it yours".... 1 Corinthians 9:24 The Amplified Translation*

.... *"let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith".... Hebrews 12:1-2 NASB*

.... *"Therefore we do not become discouraged (utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear). Though our outer man is [progressively] decaying and wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day after day. For our light, momentary affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour) is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!], Since we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting".... 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 The Amplified Translation*

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that in this very special season that You are calling us to a certain obedience - a continued obedience that when practiced diligently, day in and day out. will produce an ever increasing "spiritual momentum" in our lives that will SURELY empower us to leap over any and every obstacle and hindrance the Enemy has attempted against us. And we declare it DONE *[on an ongoing basis]*, in the Name of Jesus - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.

.... *"No weapon that is formed against you will prosper [or is prospering]; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn [both convict and show to be in the wrong through your continued love and obedience]. This is*

*the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their vindication is from Me,"
declares the LORD".... Isaiah 54:17 NASB*