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

January 12th

ONE MUST COME TO KNOW THE WORK OF THE CROSS "EXPERIENTIALLY"

Words of prophecy:

* It is the work of the Cross that seems so "painful" [sorrowful] to the "flesh" [self-will and self-desire]. But, in reality, "My" conviction is simply an infusion of My Love and tenderness - an "infusion" [enlightening] that guides and encourages and strengthens one in the depths of their heart.

...."I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly".... Galatians 2:20-21 NASB

...."But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please".... Galatians 5:16-17 NASB

...."and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out ["shed abroad" KJV] within our hearts through the Holy Spirit [Who is the Spirit of Love] who was given to us".... Romans 5:5 NASB

...."For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot perform it. [I have the intention and urge to do what is right, but no power to carry it out]".... Romans 7:18 The Amplified

Translation

...."Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it'''..... Matthew 16:24-25 NASB

...."I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me".... Galatians 2:20 NASB

...."Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!".... 2 Corinthians 5:17 The Amplified Translation

...."And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God".... 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 NASB

One must come to "know" the work of the Cross "experientially" [gain a deep "revelation" of the spiritual reality of the Cross in their own experience - in and by the power of the Holy Spirit] BEFORE they can enter into the place of "abiding" [continually dwelling] in "resurrection power" and the "fullness" of their authority [the Ascension life - Ephesians 2:6], in Christ.

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that You have blessed us with a deep and abiding revelation that there is NO good *[righteousness]* in anything apart from You. And we declare it DONE *[on an ongoing basis]*, in the Name of Jesus to Your greatest Glory. Amen.

...."For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh [own understanding]".... Romans 7:18 NASB

...."It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh [sense knowledge] profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life"..... John 6:63 NASB