## 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

## February 25th

#### THE DANGER OF "SELF-FOCUS"

## Words of prophecy:

\* Self-will and My Will have two opposite sources.

...."Do you not know that if you continually surrender yourselves to anyone to do his will, you are the slaves of him whom you obey, whether that be to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience which leads to righteousness [right doing and right standing with God]? But thank God, though you were once slaves of sin, you have become obedient with all your heart to the standard of teaching in which you were instructed and to which you were committed. And having been set free from sin, you have become the servants of righteousness [of conformity to the divine will in thought, purpose, and action]".... Romans 6:16-18 The Amplified Translation

...."There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death [and darkness]".... Proverbs 14:12 NASB

...."Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths".... Proverbs 3:5-6 The Amplfied 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 [self] life will lose it; but whoever loses [denies] his [self] life for My sake will find it ["zoe"- divine life]"..... Matthew 16:24-25 NASB

...."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

...."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

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

It is "self" - and an adherence to it [self-focus] - that opens the door wide in one's life to the fear-filled, lying schemes of the Enemy.

### **Prayer of Proclamation:**

Father, we thank You and praise You that, in Christ, You have raised us up a people whose primary focus is on You - and upon Your Word. And we declare it DONE *[on an ongoing basis]*, in the Name of Jesus - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.