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

April 6th

THERE IS NO POWER WHATSOEVER TO EFFECT DELIVERANCE BY THE HAND OF THOSE OPERATING IN A "SPIRIT OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS"

Words of prophecy:

* "Self-righteousness" [spiritual pride] always "appears" to be [has the appearance before others of] doing or saying [seeking after] the right thing but, in reality, its underlying motivation is ALWAYS the exaltation of "self" over others - and the furthering [promoting] of its "own" agendas [instead of My Will].

...."For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven".... Matthew 5:20 NASB

...."Departing from there, He went into their synagogue. And a man was there whose hand was withered. And they questioned Jesus, asking, 'Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?' - so that they might accuse Him. And He said to them, 'What man is there among you who has a sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it and lift it out? 'How much more valuable then is a man than a sheep! So then, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.' Then He said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand!' He stretched it out, and it was restored to normal, like the other. But the Pharisees went out and conspired against Him, as to how they might destroy Him. But Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. Many followed Him, and He healed them all".... Matthew 12:9-15 NASB

...."He [Jesus] began saying to His disciples first of all, 'Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. But there is nothing covered up that

will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known".... Luke 12:1a-2 NASB

...."But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders [hypocrites]! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces; for you neither enter yourselves, nor do you allow those who are about to go in to do so".... Matthew 23:13 The Amplified Translation

...."Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you [you were not authorized by Me in the secret place of My Father's Presence]; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness'''.... Matthew 7:21-23 NASB

...."Not by might nor by power [natural strength and understanding], but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts".... Zechariah 4:6b NASB

...."Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty [emancipation from bondage, freedom] [Isa. 61:1, 2]".... 2 Corinthians 3:17 The Amplified Translation

There is NO power whatsoever to effect deliverance by the hand of those who are operating in a "spirit of self-righteousness" [good intentions born of spiritual pride]. For it is ONLY revelation "abiding" [dwelling actively] in one's heart that allows the Power of God to flow freely through them to effect the perfect deliverance [lay the axe to the root] on all fronts.

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that you have raised us up as "ministers of righteousness" - those who continually seek to lead all those in our sphere of existence into the fullness of their precious inheritance, in Christ. And we declare it DONE *[on an ongoing basis]*, in the Name of Jesus - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.

...."For if the service that condemns [the ministration of doom] had glory, how infinitely more abounding in splendor and glory must be the service that makes righteous [the ministry that produces and fosters righteous living and right standing with God]!".... 2 Corinthians 3:9 The Amplified Translation