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 26th

TO "ABIDE" IN THE KINGDOM ONE MUST KEEP THEIR EYES "FIXED" ON JESUS

Words of prophecy:

* It will take a continual "alertness" [sensitivity and yieldedness to the Holy Spirit] on the part of My "true" [faithful] sons and daughters from here on in to both receive [and walk in] My "best" - and, also, victoriously defend against the Enemy's schemes.

...."Be of sober [spirit,] be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in [your] faith".... 1 Peter 5:8-9 NASB

...."Watch over your heart [inner man, spirit] with ALL diligence, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth and put devious speech far from you".... Proverbs 4:23-24 NASB

...."But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord".... Romans 8:37-39 NASB

...."But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God".... Luke 9:62 NASB

.... "Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of [it] yet; but one

thing [I do:] forgetting what [lies] behind and reaching forward to what [lies] ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus".... Philippians 3:13-14 NASB

...."Do not love or cherish the world or the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh [craving for sensual gratification] and the lust of the eyes [greedy longings of the mind] and the pride of life [assurance in one's own resources or in the stability of earthly things] - these do not come from the Father but are from the world [itself]. And the world passes away and disappears, and with it the forbidden cravings (the passionate desires, the lust) of it; but he who does the will of God and carries out His purposes in his life abides (remains) forever".... 1 John 2:15-17 The Amplified Translation

"Looking back" *[in the spiritual context]* speaks of one "turning back" in their heart to the "world" and its ways *[fear, pride, idolatry, fear of man, self-agenda etc.]*. To "abide" *[be found dwelling]* in the Kingdom one MUST keep their eyes "fixed" *[focused clearly]* on Jesus *[the Word {Will} of God]*.

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that You have raised us up a people whose eyes are fixed on Your holy Word - a people whose deepest heart-desire is to see Your Kingdom advance at all cost to ourselves. And we declare it DONE *[on an ongoing basis]*, in the Name of Jesus - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.