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 30th

FEAR DOES NOT PROMOTE OR EFFECT HOLINESS - ONLY THE LOVE OF GOD

Words of Prophecy:

* For one to "abide" in faith one must be found abiding in Love - for faith "works" [is both activated and energized] by Love [Galatians 5:6]. And, thus, the holding to any offense [unforgiveness, bitterness, resentment etc.] precludes one from both exercising [the God-kind of] faith and pursuing the "fullness" of My Will for their life and ministry.

...."If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love".... John 15:10 NASB

...."Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled".... Hebrews 12:14-15 NASB

...."Love [God's love in us] does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]".... 1 Corinthians 13:5 The Amplified Translation

Fear [compulsion through a self-exaltive spirit] does not promote or effect holiness. It is the Love of the Father - and Love [the Holy Spirit - Who is the Spirit of Love] alone - that both promotes and effects holiness!

.... "But the greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts

himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted. But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from people; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in".... Matthew 23:11-13 NASB

...."Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah".... Psalms 24:3-6 NASB

...."prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY".... 1 Peter 1:13-16 NASB

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that, by Your Power, we are set free from the power of unforgiveness in all of its forms. Therefore we set ourselves to abide in the place of a steadfast faith and trust in You - with a view to allowing the Holy Spirit to effect holiness within us. And we declare all of these things DONE to Your greatest Glory, in Jesus' Name. Amen.