

# 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*

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#### Words of Prophecy:

\* *The maintaining of "wilful" pride [taking offense] is a breeding ground for the "spirit of unforgiveness" to work in one's life.*

*...."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*

*...."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*

The first thing that each of us must do when confronted by any potential "offense" that is attempting to overtake us is to forgive those which are being used to transgress against us. Initially, we may not know exactly what is going on HOWEVER we can still forgive and release *[by faith]* those being used by the Enemy against us *[and the work the Lord seeks to establish through us]*. When we release through forgiveness *[Love]* those who are being used against us it immediately accomplishes two things:

Firstly, it breaks the "power" of any hindering forces coming against us with a view to getting us off course *[if it doesn't come immediately it is certain that, ultimately, the Enemy's schemes will be totally exposed - both against us and in*

*the vessel{s} he is attempting to use].*

Secondly, when we are faithful to forgive - and, thus, let go of any ground of offense and/or fear that may be rising up within us - it releases God to do a thorough work in the lives of those being used against us [*not to mention a deep refining and purifying in us with a view to our heart being "established" {rooted and grounded} in Love*]. This is why the Enemy is continually working to get us to "take" offense when a wrong is done to us - as it "allows" him to maintain his strongholds in the vessel he is using - and, also, maintain in us the "ground" of pride and/or fear that caused us to take offense.

*... "[Now having received the Holy Spirit, and being led and directed by Him] if you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of anyone, they are retained".... John 20:23 The Amplified Translation*

*... "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop [leave it, let it go], in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your failings and shortcomings".... Mark 11:25-26 The Amplified Translation*

### **Prayer of Proclamation:**

Father, we thank You and praise You that You have created within us hearts that refuse to enter into the place of offense - and the bitterness and unforgiveness that is its spontaneous fruit when "held to" [*through pride*]. And we declare it DONE [*on an ongoing basis*] to Your greatest Glory, in Jesus' Name. Amen.