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:

* Pride blinds - spiritual pride [self-righteousness] blinds absolutely.

"**blind**" - unable to see; sightless; unwilling or unable to perceive or understand *[in this case, the spiritual matters of the Kingdom]*;

.... "So for the sake of your tradition [the rules handed down by your forefathers], you have set aside the Word of God [depriving it of force and authority and making it of no effect]. You pretenders [hypocrites]! Admirably and truly did Isaiah prophesy of you when he said: 'These people draw near Me with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts hold off and are far away from Me. Uselessly do they worship Me, for they teach as doctrines the commands of men. [Isa. 29:13.]'. And Jesus called the people to Him and said to them, 'Listen and grasp and comprehend this: It is not what goes into the mouth of a man that makes him unclean and defiled, but what comes out of the mouth; this makes a man unclean and defiles [him]'. Then the disciples came and said to Him, 'Do You know that the Pharisees were displeased and offended and indignant when they heard this saying?' He answered, 'Every plant which My heavenly *Father has not planted will be torn up by the roots.* [Isa. 60:21.] Let them alone and disregard them; they are blind guides and teachers. And if a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a ditch".... Matthew 15:6-14 The Amplified **Translation**

For the children of God ANY course of action other than "faith" [which works and is continually activated and energized by Love] is absolutely "futile".

"futile" - incapable of producing any result; ineffective; useless; foolish; not successful;

...."For whatever does not originate and proceed from faith is sin [whatever is done without a conviction of its approval by God is sinful]".... Romans 14:23b The Amplified Translation

...."For [if we are] in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith activated and energized and expressed and working through love".... Galatians 5:6 The Amplified Translation

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that You have raised us up a people of faith and trust - a people who continually refuse to "allow" self-righteousness, in any of its forms, to influence us away from Your Heart and Will. And we declare all of these things DONE *[on an ongoing basis]* to Your greatest Glory, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

...."Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith [revelation, trust in God]".... Habakkuk 2:4 NASB