

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

June 7th

REFUSE TO TAKE OFFENSE

Words of prophecy:

* Holding to *[maintaining]* "unforgiveness" *[hatred]* in ANY form *[regardless of whether it is a real or imagined offense]* leads directly to an "abiding" unhappiness in one's own life.

...."For if you forgive people their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment], your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment], neither will your Father forgive you your trespasses".... Matthew 6:14-15 The Amplified Translation

When we perceive that someone has said or done something apart from the Holy Spirit where we are concerned it is very important to lay the entire matter before the Father. This will set in motion two things. First, in His Presence, we will immediately "let go" of any offense *[which can lead to resentment and/or unforgiveness]* and, after doing that we will receive a revelation from the Holy Spirit on just how to pray for that person. Many times, people do and say things to us because they are undergoing severe stress and trial in their own lives. Not that that justifies one speaking or acting apart from the Holy Spirit it just happens that way and our responsibility is to forgive them and pray for them in order that they might "rise above" their present circumstances and state of heart.

...."Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you".... Matthew 5:44 NASB

...."Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great".... Matthew 5:10-12 NASB

*...."Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled [*persecuted*] for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you".... 1 Peter 4:12-14 NASB*

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that, by the power of Your Spirit, Your Love is continually being shed abroad in our hearts - a divine Love that empowers us to rise above the attacks of the Enemy. In refusing to take offense at the words and actions of others, we pray for them and stand in faith on their behalf. And we declare all of these things DONE [*on an ongoing basis*] in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.