

# 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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### THE FOCUS OF FAITH

#### Words of prophecy:

\* *The "maintaining" of a supernatural hope is defined as one having a joyful, confident expectation concerning My Will perfectly unfolding in their lives and ministries - on a continual basis.*

**supernatural hope** - hope based on a "revelation" of God's Word [*Will*] - the origin of which is in Heaven;

**"natural hope"** - hope based on what can be discerned through the five physical senses in the natural [*physical*] realm;

*...."In [<sup>supernatural</sup>] hope against [<sup>natural</sup>] hope he [<sup>Abraham</sup>] believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, 'SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE'. Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform".... Romans 4:18-21 NASB*

*...."Now faith is the assurance [<sup>the confirmation, the title deed</sup>] of the things [<sup>we</sup>] hope for, being the proof of things [<sup>we</sup>] do not see and the conviction of their reality [<sup>faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses</sup>]".... Hebrews 11:1 The Amplified Translation*

A holy expectation is very important. When one truly is "expecting"

something they are found preparing *[by the direct leading of the Holy Spirit]* in advance of the manifestation *[just like new parents who are expecting a baby prepare a room and buy baby clothes well in advance]*. Many times, that means one will be found doing things that don't seem to make much sense, at times, to themselves, and certainly to others in their sphere of existence - and this is precisely why "focus" is essential. One might call it the "focus of faith".

....*"we consider and look not to the things that are seen [the lower reality - that which is real to the five physical senses] but to the things that are unseen [through faith in the higher Reality of God's Word]; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting) [subject to change], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting [Eternal]".... 2 Corinthians 4:18 The Amplified Translation*

### **Prayer of Proclamation:**

Father, we thank You and praise You that, by Your Power, we are a focussed people - a people who maintain a joyful, confident expectation of the fullness of ALL that You have blessed *[divinely empowered]* us with in Christ. And we give You all praise and honour and glory in Jesus' Name. Amen.