

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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ONE OF THE GREATEST LESSONS OF THE CROSS

Words of prophecy:

* *The "spirit of obedience" and the "spirit of the Cross" [self-denial; obedience unto the death of the soul-life {psuche}] are synonymous.*

"perfect obedience" - receiving a revelation of the Father's Will, and then carrying out that Will in the timing [*unction*] and power of the Holy Spirit - alone [*through the continual exercising of an absolute faith working through a perfect love*];

...."Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his [self] life will lose it; but whoever loses [denies] his [self] life for My sake will find it ["zoe"- divine life]"..... Matthew 16:24-25 NASB

...."Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be [will not be found fit to be] My disciple".... Luke 14:27 NASB

...."For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God".... 1 Corinthians 1:18 NASB

...."But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on

the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead".... Philippians 3:7-11 NASB

One of the greatest lessons of the Cross is coming to know that there is NO righteousness in the flesh *[old nature]* BUT that we, by the Father's doing, have been made *[past tense]* the righteousness of God IN Christ.

*...."It is the Spirit who gives life; **the flesh profits nothing**; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life".... John 6:63 NASB*

...."For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh".... Romans 7:18 NASB

*...."But by His *[the Father's]* doing *[past tense]* you are *[already]* IN Christ Jesus, Who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption".... 1 Corinthians 1:30 NASB*

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that You are, daily, empowering us with a continually deeper revelation of the Cross - as well as continually deeper revelation of "resurrection" and all that we are IN Christ. And we declare all of these things DONE *[on an ongoing basis]* in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.