

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

August 18th

STUBBORNNESS

Words of prophecy:

* *To all those held captive by a "spirit of stubbornness": fast, pray and obey - and perfect liberty shall be forthcoming.*

"stubbornness" - obstinate; fixed or set in purpose or opinion [*in this case, in opposition to the Will of God - both for themselves and others*];

...."Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit".... 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 NASB

Stubbornness in the natural is a "counterfeit" of a divine perseverance and persistence - which is empowered by the S[s]pirit of faith and the S[s]pirit of patience. Stubbornness in the natural holds to one's own will [*self-agenda*] through fear and pride, while divine perseverance and persistence [*patience*] is always the spontaneous fruit of a heart that is "wholly given" to the Will of God.

...."For He [God] established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers that they should teach them to their children, That the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, that they may arise and tell them to their children, that they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments, and not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not prepare its heart and whose spirit was not faithful to God".... Psalms 78:5-8 NASB

.... "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as your self" Luke 10:27 NASB

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that, in Christ, we have been delivered from all rebellion - and the stubbornness that is its spontaneous fruit. And we declare it DONE *[on an ongoing basis]* in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.