

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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NEVER TAKE OR MAINTAIN AN OFFENSE

Words of prophecy:

* *"Hatred" [offense, bitterness, unforgiveness] opens the door to all manner of evil [curses] entering into the life of the one who "maintains" an offense.*

...."Let not mercy and kindness [shutting out all hatred and selfishness] and truth [shutting out all deliberate hypocrisy or falsehood] forsake you; bind them about your neck, write them upon the tablet of your heart".... Proverbs 3:3 The Amplified Translation

...."Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration and holiness without which no one will [ever] see the Lord. Exercise foresight and be on the watch to look [after one another], to see that no one falls back from and fails to secure God's grace [His unmerited favor and spiritual blessing], in order that no root of resentment [rancor, bitterness, or hatred] shoots forth and causes trouble and bitter torment, and the many become contaminated and defiled by it".... Hebrews 12:14-15 The Amplified Translation

Revenge is the certain fruit of a "sustained" unforgiveness. For if one "maintains" unforgiveness, in any way, THEN eventually they shall "seek revenge" [*self-vindication through self-justification*] - even though they may "consciously" believe that they hold no unforgiveness.

"revenge" - to exact punishment or expiation for a wrong on behalf of, especially in a resentful or vindictive spirit;

"sustain" - to support, hold, or bear up from below [*in this case, from a soulical*]

position rather than one of faith and love];

.... "let us cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates and defiles body and spirit, and bring [our] consecration to completeness in the [reverential] fear of God".... 2 Corinthians 7:1 The Amplified Translation

.... "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

.... "So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity".... Colossians 3:12-14 NASB

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that You are blessing us with a continually deeper revelation of the importance of forgiveness *[walking in Love - at all cost to ourselves]*. And we declare it DONE *[on an ongoing basis]* in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.

.... "O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart. He does not slander with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor takes up a reproach against his friend; In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, But who honors those who fear the LORD; He swears to his own hurt and does not change".... Psalm 15:1-4 NASB