

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 GREAT DANGER OF "SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS"

Words of prophecy:

* *Truly I say to you, in the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death [no death or any manifestation thereof - darkness, fear, pride etc. can remain standing] and, in the same manner [according to spiritual law { Kingdom-principle}], in the way of self-righteousness is death [and the spontaneous fruit thereof - self-exaltation, unbelief, hardness of heart, false judgement etc;] and there is no "life" [the flow of My Life, Light, Love and Truth is blocked].*

...."In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death".... Proverbs 12:28 NASB

*...."No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it [the Word of God] to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go. This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from your mouth, **but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success.** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go".... Joshua 1:5-9 NASB*

..."whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap. For he who

sows to his own flesh (lower nature, sensuality) will from the flesh reap decay and ruin and destruction, but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life [true Kingdom {Covenant} prosperity] ".... Galatians 6:7-8 The Amplified Translation

The spirit of self-righteousness "compels" one *[through fear]* to strive *[operate]* in the power of their own understanding and intellect - their chief aim *[goal]* being to be found right in their "own" thinking.

"self-righteousness" - confidence in one's "own" righteousness *[goodness]* *[in this case, apart from the Cross of Christ]*, especially when smugly moralistic and intolerant of others; pride in one's own virtues;

.... "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight!".... Isaiah 5:20-21 NASB

.... "For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven".... Matthew 5:20 NASB

.... "Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin".... Hebrews 3:12-13 NASB

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that You have raised us up a people who refuse "self-righteousness" in all of its forms - a people who hunger and thirst after "righteousness" and the fulfilment of Your highest Kingdom purposes. And we declare it DONE *[on an ongoing basis]* in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen