

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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SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS IS INEXTRICABLY ROOTED IN PRIDE

Words of prophecy:

* *The "maintaining" of selfishness [self-desire] will always manifest itself in a form of self-righteousness.*

...."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

One of the certain fruits of "self-righteousness" is self-justification. For self-righteousness is "inextricably" rooted in pride - and the "self-agenda" [*as opposed to one being attuned to the Will of God {Godly agenda;}*] that is pride's spontaneous result [*fruit*].

"inextricable" - inseparable; incapable of being disentangled; not able to be escaped from;

"agenda" - a list, plan, outline, or the like, of things to be done [*in this case, in one's own understanding and intellect*];

...."And He [Jesus] said to them, 'You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God'.... Luke 16:15 NASB

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that as Your Love is continually shed

abroad in our hearts each day that every ground of "self" [*pride, fear*] is both exposed and obliterated by the power and light of Your Spirit [*Who is the Spirit of Love*]. And we declare it DONE [*on an ongoing basis*] in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.

.... "*There is no fear [*pride*] in love [*dread does not exist*], but full-grown (complete, perfect) [*a revelation of*] love turns fear out of doors and EXPELS every trace of terror!".... 1 John 4:18 The Amplified Translation*