

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

December 21st

"EXCESSIVE SLEEP"

Words of prophecy:

* *One never worries about "falling asleep" when they are already asleep! One only concerns themselves with "falling asleep" when a soberness and vigilance and alertness is "needed".*

...."Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it [flow] the springs of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth and put devious speech far from you".... Proverbs 4:23-24 NASB

"Excessive" sleep both leads to and maintains negligence. Diligence [obedience] leads to an ever increasing "alertness".

"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];

...."Be of sober [spirit,] be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in [your] faith".... 1 Peter 5:8-9 NASB

...."Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps. Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and [began] to sleep. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet [him.]'

*"Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the prudent, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' "But the prudent answered, 'No, there will not be enough for us and you [too;] go instead to the dealers and buy [some] for yourselves.' And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. Later the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, lord, open up for us.' "But he answered, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.' "Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour"....
Matthew 25:1-13 NASB*

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that You have raised us up a people who continually pursue diligence - a people who remain alert and vigilant day in and day out concerning the highest purposes of Your Kingdom. And we declare it DONE *[on an ongoing basis]* in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.