

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

September 11th

PLEASING THE FATHER'S HEART

Words of prophecy:

* *Faithfulness to My highest Kingdom-purposes is well-pleasing to Me.*

...."Trust in the LORD and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He will do it".... Psalm 37:3-5 NASB

...."the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control".... Galatians 5:22-23 NASB

...."He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much".... Luke 16:10 NASB

...."But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right)".... Matthew 6:33 The Amplified Translation

The Word of God states that, "without faith it is impossible to please" God. What an amazing statement that is! What that means to each and every one of us, as God's children, is that there is absolutely NO way that we can give pleasure or satisfaction to the Father's Heart apart from our exercising of faith and trust in Him *[and His Word]*. When the child of God sets themselves to exercise a steadfast faith and trust in Him it brings great pleasure and satisfaction to the Father's Heart - and, in reality, their obedience is a pure expression of their love for Him *[and trust in Him]*.

The counterfeit of this *[which the Enemy is always attempting to influence us with]*, is for us to carry out *[establish]* "proudful works" *[which may even appear "good" and "acceptable"]* in our "own" understanding and intellect in an effort to please God - fleshly works that are in no way rooted and grounded in the Love and Wisdom of God *[in the Holy Spirit - Who is the Spirit of Love, the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, the Spirit of Grace etc.]*.

....*"And without faith [trust, faithfulness] it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him".... Hebrews 11:6 NASB*

....*"I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing".... John 15:5 The Amplified Translation*

....*"For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh".... Romans 7:18 NASB*

....*"It is the Spirit who gives life; **the flesh profits nothing**; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life"..... John 6:63 NASB*

....*"Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it".... Psalm 127:1 NASB*

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that You have raised us up a "faithful" people - a people whose deepest heart-desire is to be found pleasing You in ALL that we say and do. And we declare all of these things done *[on an ongoing basis]* - to Your greatest Glory, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

....*"Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight".... 1 John 3:21-22 KJV*