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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FAITH OR UNBELIEF

[Part 3 of 3]

THE FATHER IS PERFECT IN EVERY WAY

Words of prophecy:

* The "spirit of belief" [faith] overlooks any obstacle, or "amount of time", and adheres itself to [relies upon and trusts in] a revelation of My Word.

Unbelief is the "belief" [trust] in any word or action that adheres itself to [relies upon and trusts in] anything or anyone less than the spiritual reality of My Word [the lies of the Enemy, the wisdom of the world etc].

...."Surely all the men who have seen My glory and My signs which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have put Me to the test these ten times and have not listened to My voice, shall by no means see the land which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who spurned Me see it. BUT My servant Caleb, because he has had a different spirit [a spirit of belief] and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it".... Numbers 14:22-24 NASB

...."For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and all ate the same spiritual food; and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not wellpleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness. Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY." Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day. Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents. Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come".... 1 Corinthians 10:1-12 NASB

We see very clearly from the history of the people of Israel in the wilderness that, ultimately, all unbelief *[when held to and maintained]* must be judged for what it is: a clear and definite decision of the heart to trust in someone or something that is apart from God *[the lies of the Enemy, idolatry in some form etc]*.

Our Father is a very patient, merciful, and of course, loving Father - without question. However, the hour is late and, thus, it is of the utmost importance for all of us to come to a deep revelation of the absolute Truth that He is PERFECT in every way, and that there is absolutely NO justification for unbelief *[mistrust of Him]* on our part - under any circumstance.

...."Little children, keep yourselves from idols [false gods] - [from anything and everything that would occupy the place in your heart due to God, from any sort of substitute for Him that would take first place in your life]".... 1 John 5:21 The Amplified Translation

...."But the high places [of idolatry] were not taken away, for the people had not yet set their hearts [wholly] on their fathers' God"....2 Chronicles 20:33 The Amplified Translation

...."Therefore, my dearly beloved, shun [keep clear away from, avoid by flight if need be] any sort of idolatry [of loving or venerating anything more than God]".... 1 Corinthians 10:14 The Amplified Translation

...."Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity [idols and idolatry]; and restore me to vigorous life and health in Your ways".... Psalms 119:37 The Amplified Translation

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that like Joshua and Caleb You have blessed *[divinely empowered]* us with a "different" spirit *[a spirit of faith]* that we might be found "following after you fully" - with a view to both entering into and fulfilling our precious Kingdom-position and destiny, in Christ. And we declare all of these things done *[on an ongoing basis]* - to Your greatest Glory, in Jesus' Name. Amen.