

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

January 7th

THE FATHER IS FAITHFUL

Words of prophecy:

* *Perfect obedience is forged in the hearts of My people in the holy fire of My refining process [trial and tribulations suffered for righteousness' sake].*

"perfect 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*];

...."Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you".... 1 Peter 4:12-14 NASB

...."Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass".... 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

The Father is faithful to complete the perfect work that He is doing in each of His children. There comes a point in one's walk of faith wherein WHEN He puts His finger on something in their heart that it is no longer a fearful thing but, rather, they welcome it with gladness - knowing in their heart that with His refining comes a deeper manifestation of perfect freedom [*liberty*] in our lives.

In the beginning of one's walk it was a common thing for them to "avoid" the Father's refining work, at times, but as one enters into a relationship of trust in both He and His Word one's fervent prayer each day becomes:

"Father, please do the necessary work of the Cross in me on a daily basis that I might be found representing You perfectly in ALL that I say and do."

Indeed, when the Father puts His finger on something it ALWAYS leads to a deeper revelation of His Love and Character.

...."He [the Father] disciplines us for our certain good, that we may become sharers in His own holiness. For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous and painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it [a harvest of fruit which consists in righteousness - in conformity to God's will in purpose, thought, and action, resulting in right living and right standing with God]".... Hebrews 12:10b-11 The Amplified Translation

...."When He has tried me, I shall come forth as refined gold [pure and luminous] [Ps. 17:3; Ps. 66:10;]".... Job 23:10 The Amplified Translation

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You for Your great faithfulness in continuing to prepare us perfectly for all of the glorious Kingdom-tasks that lay before us. And we declare it DONE *[on an ongoing basis]* in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.