

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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HOLDING TO UNFORGIVENESS IN ANY OF ITS FORMS CONDEMNS ONE'S OWN HEART

Words of prophecy:

* *Holding to unforgiveness in any of its forms [offense, resentment, bitterness] condemns one's own heart and "negates" [quenches] the flow [capability] of faith in their prayers.*

"negate" - to deny the existence, evidence or truth of; to nullify or cause to be ineffective;

"quench" - to put out or extinguish; suppress;

...."And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God". [lit. have the faith of God] "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be [granted] him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe [based on the finished work of the Cross, the Word of God and the Blood Covenant] that you have [already] received them, and they will be [granted] you. [And] **Whenever you stand praying**, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions. **But if** you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions".... Mark 11:23-26 NASB

When one "holds to" [maintains] unforgiveness [to any degree] THEN they become "susceptible" to the Enemy's attempts to lure them into taking offense [at even the smallest of things] - which then, in turn, "fuels" [builds upon] the "resentment and bitterness" that are designed by the Enemy to protect the "root" [stronghold] of unforgiveness that he has established in that one's heart and mind.

"susceptible" - accessible or especially liable or subject to some influence; yielding readily to; liable to be afflicted by;

...."if you forgive people their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment], your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them

go, and giving up resentment], neither will your Father [be enabled to] forgive you your trespasses".... Matthew 6:14-15 The Amplified Translation

...."[Now having received the Holy Spirit [Who is the Spirit of Love], and being led and directed by Him] if you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of anyone, they are retained".... John 20:23 The Amplified Translation

*...."Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus *said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he had begun to settle them, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. But since he did not have the means to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made. So the slave fell to the ground and prostrated himself before him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you everything.' And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt. But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and began to choke him, saying, 'Pay back what you owe.' So his fellow slave fell to the ground and began to plead with him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you.' But he was unwilling and went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed. So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened. Then summoning him, his lord *said to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 'Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?' And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him. My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from [the faith and Love that is in] your heart".... Matthew 18:21-35 NASB*

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that you have raised us up a people who have a deep and abiding revelation of the importance of "forgiving" - a people who refuse to hold to "unforgiveness" - in ANY of its forms. And we declare it DONE *[on an ongoing basis]* in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.