

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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Words of prophecy:

* *The work that I do in the hearts of My children is not based upon their "perceptions" [reasonings] or intellect [sense-knowledge]. It is a work that is done in the power of My Spirit [Who is the Spirit of Grace] - a work that "lays the axe" to the root as one continually accesses My Grace and Wisdom through faith.*

"sense knowledge" - that which is perceived by what one feels, hears, sees or thinks based on their outward circumstances;

...."we walk by faith [in the reality of who Love {the Word of God} says we are, in Christ], not by sight [feelings, "sense knowledge" - that which is "perceived" through the five physical senses {soul and body - as opposed to one's spirit}]".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB

...."we consider and look [speak] not to the things that are seen [the lower reality - that which is real to the five physical senses] but to the things that are unseen [through faith in the higher Reality of God's Word]; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting) [subject to change], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting [Eternal]".... 2 Corinthians 4:18 The Amplified Translation

The maintenance of fear causes one to depart from the Wisdom and counsel of God - and it is ONLY a humble heart [*a heart that trusts in and relies upon the Father and His Word*] that is able to access [*appropriate*] the Grace and Wisdom necessary in any given moment. A humble heart is defined as a heart that seeks to

trust and depend upon the Father and His Word with every fiber of its being - regardless of any "outside circumstances".

...."God is opposed to the proud [self-reliant], but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt [and, thus, vindicate] you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.... 1 Peter 5:5b-7 NASB

Prayer of Proclamation:

"care" - a state of mind in which one is troubled; worry, anxiety;

Heavenly Father, we thank you and praise You that You have raised us up a people who continually found humbling ourselves before *[trusting in]* You - a people who have cast ALL of our "care" upon You BECAUSE You care for us! And we declare it DONE *[on an ongoing basis]* in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.

...."Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:31-33 NASB