

# EXHORTATIONS FROM THE FATHER

## ["Reflections" Of The Father's Heart]

[November 17th]

\* Pride blinds - spiritual pride [*self-righteousness*] blinds absolutely.

**"blind"** - unable to see; sightless; unwilling or unable to perceive or understand [*in this case, the spiritual matters of the Kingdom*];

.... *"So for the sake of your tradition [the rules handed down by your forefathers], you have set aside the Word of God [depriving it of force and authority and making it of no effect]. You pretenders [hypocrites]! Admirably and truly did Isaiah prophesy of you when he said: 'These people draw near Me with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts hold off and are far away from Me. Uselessly do they worship Me, for they teach as doctrines the commands of men. [Isa. 29:13.]'. And Jesus called the people to Him and said to them, 'Listen and grasp and comprehend this: It is not what goes into the mouth of a man that makes him unclean and defiled, but what comes out of the mouth; this makes a man unclean and defiles [him]'. Then the disciples came and said to Him, 'Do You know that the Pharisees were displeased and offended and indignant when they heard this saying?' He answered, 'Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be torn up by the roots. [Isa. 60:21.] Let them alone and disregard them; they are blind guides and teachers. And if a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a ditch'.... Matthew 15:6-14 The Amplified Translation*