

# 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 31st**

### **IN MANY CASES IT WILL TAKE A "ROAD TO DAMASCUS" EXPERIENCE**

#### **Words of prophecy:**

\* *A true "divine connection" - that is, one that is both established and maintained by the power of My Spirit - is Eternal.*

\* *In this hour there will be a great confrontation between righteousness and self-righteousness in the midst of My people, and this will produce a great persecution [reproach] against those of My children who are walking in Love [righteousness] before Me and, thus, before My people. In many cases, it will take a "road to Damascus" experience to break the stronghold of "self-righteousness" in the hearts of many - even certain ones that I have called as "forerunners" for this hour.*

*...."Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him; and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting, but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do." The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.*

*Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake." So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized; and he took food and was strengthened. Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God".... Acts 9:1-20 NASB*

Those whose hearts are "wholly given" to the Father and His Word would never reject a "divine connection" that the Father planned from before the foundations of the earth. One whose heart is not wholly given would not even recognize a "divine connection" as they are too busy attempting to fulfil their "own agendas".

This is precisely why the work of the Cross is so important in each of our lives - as many have bypassed the "narrow path" in their ardent pursuit of power and authority in the name of self-glory. It must be clearly understood that ONLY those who have truly laid their lives down will be used as "forerunners" in the Kingdom - in this most critical and glorious hour.

*...."Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be [will not be found fit to be] My disciple".... Luke 14:27 NASB*

*...."For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God".... 1 Corinthians 1:18 NASB*

*...."But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the*

*surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead".... Philippians 3:7-11 NASB*

*...."Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, Coming down upon the beard, Even Aaron's beard, Coming down upon the edge of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; **For there the LORD commanded the blessing - life [love, truth, revelation, righteousness] forever".... Psalms 133:1-3 NASB***

### **Prayer of Proclamation:**

Father, we thank You and praise You that in this hour You are raising up your true "forerunners" - men and women who have truly laid their lives down with a view to carrying out the glorious Kingdom-tasks that You have assigned to them in this final hour, from before the foundations of earth. And we declare it DONE *[on an ongoing basis]* in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.

*...."For we are God's [own] handiwork [His workmanship], recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined [planned beforehand] for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]".... Ephesians 2:10 The Amplified Translation*