

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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THE HAND OF THE LORD

Words of prophecy:

* *Through the release of faith-filled words, loose [allow] Me to work on your behalf, give Me an order, give Me a mandate to carry out for you; give Me the opportunity to bring judgement on your Adversary - and blessing [the divine empowerment to prosper] on you.*

...."concerning the work of my hands command [appoint, assign and commission] ye Me".... Isaiah 45:11 KJV

When one sees a reference to "the hand of God" or the "hand of the Lord" it means two things:

1. It speaks of God's Power expressed in judgement on the "adversaries" of God's people - Satan being behind the persecution and affliction. God's judgement on the situation went directly to Satan - and he made him pay compensation *[in this case, "a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord"]*.

*...."But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now, **behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee**, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand".... Acts 13:8-11 KJV*

....*"And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord".... Acts 11:21 KJV*

"penalize" - to subject to a penalty; to declare (an action, deed, etc.) punishable by law or rule; to put under a disadvantage or handicap;

Satan was "penalized" [*totally defeated at Calvary*] and yet [*partly due to our negligence where our Covenant is concerned*], he has continually violated us throughout our lifetime. In this hour, great compensation is about to come to those who are standing in faith for it!

....*"And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go. And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty: But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians".... Exodus 3:20-22 KJV*

....*"And Moses said unto the people, **Remember this day**, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for **by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place**: there shall no leavened bread be eaten".... Exodus 13:3 KJV*

....*"Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble".... Exodus 15:6-7 KJV*

2. It speaks of God's Power expressed in blessing [*divine empowerment to prosper*] on God's faithful ones.

....*"And now, **Lord, behold their threatenings**: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, **by stretching forth thine hand** to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, **the place was shaken where they were assembled together**; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his*

*own, but all things were common property to them. And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, **and abundant grace was upon them all. For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales and lay them at the apostles' feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had need".... Acts 4:29-35 NASB***

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that Your Hand is mightily stretched out on our behalf in this most critical and glorious hour - bringing great devastation to the Enemy and his schemes against us and great blessing and empowerment to us in order to advance Your Kingdom in the earth. And we declare all of these things DONE *[on an ongoing basis]* in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.