

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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COMPLAINING OPENS THE DOOR OF ONE'S LIFE TO SATAN AND HIS SCHEMES

Words of prophecy:

* *"Complaining" opens the door of one's life to Satan and his schemes - for complaining is the "heart-cry" of unbelief and selfishness [self-focus].*

When one of My children is "suffering for righteousness' sake" [in faith and trust] the desire to complain about their "circumstances" [through discontentment] is nonexistent. But when any of My children are suffering for "unrighteousness' sake" [due to sin and disobedience in their lives] they are "surely" held to a degree by a "complaining spirit". For it is certain that faith begets obedience which begets thanksgiving and praise, while fear [sin] begets disobedience which begets an ungrateful and complaining spirit.

"complain" - to express "feelings" of dissatisfaction; resentment; grumble; to describe one's pains or ills; to make a formal accusation [*against God through unbelief*];

...."Do all things without grumbling and faultfinding and complaining [against God] and questioning and doubting [among yourselves]".... Philippians 2:14 The Amplified Translation

To the degree that one diligently pursues the life of faith [*Love*] and trust it is to that degree that they will come to "hate" unbelief and complaining in any of its forms - first in themselves and, then, any operation of those "evil spirits" through others that cross their path.

"hate" - extreme aversion to or hostility towards;

"hostility" - enmity;

"contrary" - opposite in nature or character *[in this case, any words spoken that are NOT in alignment with a revelation of God's Word]*;

.... *"The fear [reverence] of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverted [contrary] mouth, I hate".... Proverbs 8:13 NASB*

.... *"Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness. Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY." Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day. Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents. Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come".... 1 Corinthians 10:5-11 NASB*

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that, in Christ, we have been set free from the bondage of fear, unbelief and complaining - in any of its forms. In light of this, we set ourselves to be found guarding our hearts with ALL diligence - day in and day out - with a view to abiding in an absolute faith and steadfast trust in You and Your Word. And we declare it DONE *[on an ongoing basis]*, in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.