

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

December 25th

THE FATHER'S "DIVINE SURPRISES"

Words of prophecy:

* *The days of My Glorious Church are at hand, and truly, truly I say to you, I shall now begin to exalt those who have humbled themselves before Me in the eyes of all My people. It must be clearly understood that the days of carnality in My church are at an end - for have I not desired a "spotless and unblemished" Church? And, indeed, the knowledge of My glory [and the weight of My Presence] shall fill the earth. I say to you again, I shall honor to a great degree those who have laid aside the things of this world for the sole purpose of drawing near to Me. Indeed, I will do exceeding abundantly beyond their fondest dreams, and I will "thrill" their hearts to the core. For it is the time for the "revealing" of My sons and daughters in the earth - and truly I say to you, both the religious church and the world will see all those who are truly Mine!*

*...."Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, That He might present the church to Himself in glorious splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such things [that she might be holy and faultless]".... Ephesians 5:25-27
The Amplified Translation*

...."So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him. For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze," says the LORD of hosts, "so that it will leave them neither root nor branch".... Malachi 3:18-4:1 NASB

...."For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For [the Spirit

which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father! The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God. And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory. [But what of that?] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time (this present life) are not worth being compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us and for us and conferred on us! For [even the whole] creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known [waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship]".... Romans 8:14-19 The Amplified Translation

We "might" be surprised *[in a very good way]* as the Father's perfect plan for our lives unfolds in this most glorious hour - BUT one thing is certain, that which He does in our lives *[both individually and corporately]* will SURELY thrill our hearts - through and through!

"surprise" - to cause to feel amazement or wonder; to encounter or discover unexpectedly or suddenly;

Latin: "super" - over + "prehendere" - to take; [overtake];

...."For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find [Me] when you search for Me with all your heart".... Jeremiah 29:11-13 NASB

*...."He [God] is famous for great and unexpected acts; **there's no end to His surprises"**.... Job 5:9 The Message Translation*

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You for Your Goodness. We thank You and praise You that You are a loving Father who desires to surprise us with Your divine surprises - divine surprises that SURELY thrill our hearts through and through. We are truly thankful for You and all that You do - and we love You with ALL our heart, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

....*"Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past. Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert".... Isaiah 43:18-19*
NASB

....*"I declared the former things long ago and they went forth from My mouth, and I proclaimed them. Suddenly I acted, and they came to pass".... Isaiah 48:3*
NASB

....*"Now to Him Who, by [in consequence of] the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams] - to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen [so be it]"....*
Ephesians 3:20-21 The Amplified Translation