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 GREAT DANGER OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS WORDS AND ACTIONS

Words of prophecy:

* Those bound by a "spirit of self-righteousness" ALWAYS oppose [to some degree] those who are "abiding" in revelation. For the revelation abiding in the hearts of My godly ones will ALWAYS send forth "waves" of conviction any time one crossing their path is found "maintaining" an agenda apart from My Will - leaving that one only two choices: repent or attempt to justify their own actions as being of Me. This, oftentimes, leads the one walking "after the flesh" to cast reproach [in an effort to "invalidate" the righteous words and actions of the convicting vessel] upon those who [because of the righteous path {course} they have chosen] have become "fiery plumblines" [walking ultimatums] in My service.

This is precisely why it is of the utmost importance for all those who are truly seeking Me to position themselves in My Presence [daily] so that My Love might be shed abroad in their heart "continually" [Romans 5:5]. For in this way, they will be able to withstand [overcome] the vile attacks of the Evil One [through those who are unrighteously motivated towards them] and, in the process, help many to be set free from the bondage he and his forces had held them under.

"invalidate" - to discredit; nullify; disprove; refute;

...."If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.] Let us not become vainglorious and self-conceited, competitive and challenging and provoking and irritating to one another, envying and being jealous of one another".... Galatians 5:25-26 The Amplified Translation"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God".... Romans 8:5-8 KJV

"Self-righteousness" *[spiritual pride]* always "appears" to be *[has the appearance before others of]* doing or saying *[seeking after]* the right thing but, in reality, its underlying motivation is ALWAYS the exaltation of "self" over others - and the furthering *[promoting]* of its "own" agendas *[instead of the Will of God]*.

...."For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven".... Matthew 5:20 NASB

...."Departing from there, He went into their synagogue. And a man was there whose hand was withered. And they questioned Jesus, asking, 'Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?' - so that they might accuse Him. And He said to them, 'What man is there among you who has a sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it and lift it out? 'How much more valuable then is a man than a sheep! So then, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.' Then He said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand!' He stretched it out, and it was restored to normal, like the other. But the Pharisees went out and conspired against Him, as to how they might destroy Him. But Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. Many followed Him, and He healed them all".... Matthew 12:9-15 NASB

...."He [Jesus] began saying to His disciples first of all, 'Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known'''.... Luke 12:1a-2 NASB

...."But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders [hypocrites]! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces; for you neither enter yourselves, nor do you allow those who are about to go in to do so".... Matthew 23:13 The Amplified Translation

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that You have raised us up a people

whose hearts are filled with a deep revelation of who we are IN Christ - a people who are constantly on guard against ANYTHING that does not proceed from You. And we declare it DONE *[on an ongoing basis]* in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.