

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 13th

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PREPARE FOR THE ADVENT OF THE LORD**

Words of Prophecy:

* Intensely prepare!

"intensely" - acute, strong, or vehement, strenuous or earnest, as activity, exertion, diligence, or thought;

"prepare" - to put in proper condition, order or readiness;

...."you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For [this] is contained in Scripture: "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER [stone,] AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, "THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER [stone,]" and, "A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE"; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this [doom] they were also appointed. But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR [God's] OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light".... 1 Peter 2:5-9 NASB

*.... "that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless"....
Ephesians 5:27 NASB*

In light of our calling in this final hour, our task as the remnant Church is to prepare the way of the Lord, first, through obedience in our own lives, and, then, corporately to be "living stones" that continually represent the heart and Will of the Father. Every last child of God has a unique and important part in this matter of preparing the way of the Lord.

One of the main tasks the Father has given to His true *[faithful]* delegated authorities *[forerunners]* is to prepare the hearts of His people to enter into the place of an "abiding" faith and trust in His Word *[the "fullness" of our Covenant - the "finished" work of Jesus]*. From this position of an absolute faith and trust *[both individually and corporately]* it is certain that the work of the Glorious Church will be carried out in our remaining time in this dispensation. To summarize, each small step of obedience in our lives is helping prepare for the advent of the Lord - Who is coming TO His Church in a mighty way before He comes FOR His Church.

.... "prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY".... 1 Peter 1:13-16 NASB

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that you are preparing us perfectly in this most critical hour. From this point forth, we declare ourselves both prepared and ready to receive the fullness of all that is ours, in Christ, on an ongoing basis - and we declare it done in the Name of Jesus. Amen.