

# 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*

**February 5th**

### A LIFESTYLE OF SELF-DENIAL

#### Words of prophecy:

\* *This is a year of "confrontation". Everything that is apart from Christ in the midst of My people MUST be confronted [both by the Holy Spirit - operating through holy and righteous vessels, and in one's time in the "inner chamber"] in this most critical and glorious hour - in order that absolute Truth and the fullness of true Kingdom-living might prevail on every front.*

\* *Unbelief is a thief!*

**"confrontation"** - an open conflict of opposing ideas, forces *[in this case, the forces of the Kingdom {Faith, Love, Truth, Righteousness, Grace and Wisdom etc.} against the forces of the lower realm {fear, unbelief, self-righteousness, soulish wisdom etc.}]*;

*...."Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you".... Joshua 1:3 NASB*

*...."For nothing is hidden that will not become evident, nor [anything] secret that will not be known and come to light. So take care how you listen; for whoever has, to him [more] shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him".... Luke 8:17-18 NASB*

*...."each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it*

is [to be] revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work".... 1 Corinthians 3:13 NASB

...."Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish [desire], and it will be done for you".... John 15:4-7 NASB

A "fasted life" is simply a life lived in obedience to the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit - in even the smallest of details [*spirit, soul and body - and, for that matter every other facet of life and ministry*]. In this hour, it is of the utmost importance for every last child of God to begin to make the necessary adjustments [*in obedience to the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit*] that will bring them into a "lifestyle of self-denial" [*the life of the Cross*]. For it is in this high place, wherein ALL "opposing forces" are put to rest in one's life, allowing the various forces of the Kingdom [*Faith, Love, Truth, Righteousness, Grace and Wisdom etc.*] to flow forth unhindered - both in them and through them.

Unbelief is a "belief" [*dependence upon, trust*] in that which is apart from the Father and His Word [*apart from a revelation of His Word/Will*] - and, therefore, is the deadliest of enemies to the walk of faith, love and obedience. Each of us must treat unbelief [*mistrust of God*] as a dangerous poison - one that if left to work, in any way, will ultimately bring one to the place of abiding [*operating continually*] in pride [*self-exaltation*] - and the deep darkness that is its spontaneous fruit.

It is only as one "allows" the Holy Spirit to establish them in the place of a fasted life that unbelief is both exposed and consumed [*and best guarded against*] in their life and ministry. Therefore, let us, with ALL of our hearts, be found seeking the perfect path the Father has laid out for us in this matter of the fasted life - for it is truly the divine key that unlocks the door to one's entrance into the fullness of their precious Kingdom-position and destiny, in Christ,

...."feed me with the food [*both spiritual and physical*] that is needful for me".... Proverbs 30:8b The Amplified Translation

.... *"Is this not the fast which I choose, to loosen the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke?..... If because of the sabbath [rest], you turn your foot from doing your OWN pleasure on My holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and honor it, desisting from your OWN ways, from seeking your OWN pleasure and speaking your OWN word, THEN you will take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth [Ephesians 2:6]"....*  
*Isaiah 58:6, 13-14a NASB*

.... *"Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps. Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and [began] to sleep. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet [him.]' "Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the prudent, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' "But the prudent answered, 'No, there will not be enough for us and you [too;] go instead to the dealers and buy [some] for yourselves.' And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. Later the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, lord, open up for us.' "But he answered, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.' "Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour"....*  
*Matthew 25:1-13 NASB*

### **Prayer of Proclamation:**

Father, we thank You and praise You that you have called us to live a fasted life before You - a life of holiness that "allows" Your unlimited Love and Power to flow both in us and through us to all those You place in our path. I thank You and praise You, Father that as we apply ourselves to diligence on a daily basis in this matter of living a fasted life *[a life of self-denial]* that we have a deep assurance in our hearts that every last ground of idolatry has been removed - allowing us to enter fully into the perfect liberty that is ours in Christ - and we proclaim these things DONE, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

.... *"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things*

*that you please".... Galatians 5:16-17 NASB*

*...."Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty [emancipation from bondage, freedom]".... 2 Corinthians 3:17 The Amplified Translation*