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 "FATHER'S" CONVICTION IS SIMPLY AN INFUSION OF HIS LOVE AND TENDERNESS

Words of prophecy:

* Many of My children continue to "receive" condemning and criticizing "thoughts" that are not of Me - and, yet, they deem them [the unloving and lying thoughts of the Enemy] to be My method of teaching [dealing with] them. Truly I say to you, I NEVER condemn or criticize My children but, rather, through My Spirit [Who is the Spirit of holiness, the Spirit of Love etc.], I continually speak words that impart the necessary Grace [divine empowerment and Wisdom]. What kind of Father would I be if, after one has surrendered totally to me in love, I turned and mistreated them in ANY way. Never forget that I am perfect Love "personified", and that EVERYTHING I do and speak into the lives of My precious children is for their greatest benefit - both now and forever!

"receive" - to take into one's possession [something delivered or offered]; to have something bestowed, conferred etc;

...."[There is] therefore now NO condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death".... Romans 8:1-2 KJV

...."And have you [completely] forgotten the divine word of appeal and encouragement in which you are reasoned with and addressed as sons? 'My son, do not think lightly or scorn to submit to the correction and discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage and give up and faint when you are reproved or corrected by

Him; For the Lord corrects and disciplines everyone whom He loves, and He punishes, even scourges, every son whom He accepts and welcomes to His heart and cherishes'. You must submit to and endure [correction] for discipline; God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his father does not [thus] train and correct and discipline? Now if you are exempt from correction and left without discipline in which all [of God's children] share, then you are illegitimate offspring and not true sons [at all]. [Prov. 3:11, 12.] Moreover, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we yielded [to them] and respected [them for training us]. Shall we not much more cheerfully submit to the Father of spirits and so [truly] live? For [our earthly fathers] disciplined us for only a short period of time and chastised us as seemed proper and good to them; but He disciplines us for our certain good, that we may become sharers in His own holiness. For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous and painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it [a harvest of fruit which consists in righteousness - in conformity to God's will in purpose, thought, and action, resulting in right living and right standing with God]".... Hebrews 12:5-11 The Amplified Translation

It is the work of the Cross that seems so "painful" *[sorrowful]* to the "flesh" *[self-will and self-desire]*. For, in reality, "the Father's" conviction is simply an infusion of His Love and tenderness - an "infusion" *[enlightening]* that guides and encourages and strengthens one in the depths of their heart.

...."I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly".... Galatians 2:20-21 NASB

...."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

...."and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out ["shed abroad" KJV] within our hearts through the Holy Spirit [Who is the Spirit of Love] who was given to us".... Romans 5:5 NASB

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. We thank You that You are ever working in us and convicting us of those things that only serve to draw us away from You - and the precious Love that You have for each and every one of Your children. We thank You that You are faithful to finish the perfect work that You began in us and we declare, with every fibre of our being, that it is DONE, in Jesus' Name. Amen.