

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

April 2nd

THE GREAT DANGER OF "SELF-FOCUS" AND THE GREAT REWARD OF A DILIGENT [GODLY] FOCUS

Words of prophecy:

* *"Self-focus" is rooted and grounded in selfishness, fear and pride - and, when held to, continually fuels self-desire. Whereas, a focus on My Word/Will is rooted and grounded in, first a love for Me and, then, for all those in their sphere of existence. One's diligent focus on spiritual reality [My Word - and His "finished" Work] continually fuels "godly desire" in the depths of one's heart [inner man] - godly desires that rise up and flood [influence] their soul [mind, will and emotions] on a continual basis.*

...."let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith".... Hebrews 12:1-2 NASB

...."If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish [desire], and it will be done for you".... John 15:7 NASB

It is "self" - and an adherence to it [*self-focus*] - that opens the door wide in one's life to the fear-filled, lying schemes of the Enemy. It is a perfect focus on the Word of God [*Jesus - and ALL that He is and ever will be*] that will catapult one into a deep revelation of spiritual reality - and the constant and enduring Eternal perspective that is its spontaneous fruit.

...."Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to

save his [self] life will lose it; but whoever loses [denies] his [self] life for My sake will find it ["zoe"- divine life]"..... Matthew 16:24-25 NASB

...."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".... Galatians 2:20 NASB

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that You - through the power of the Holy Spirit Who indwells us - have made the provision for us to "abide" in the place of a perfect *[godly]* focus. We thank You that through this perfect focus we are constantly being changed from faith to faith, obedience to obedience, and glory to glory, into the image of the Lord Jesus to Your greatest Glory - and we declare all of these things DONE, in Jesus' Name. Amen.