

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 NEEDS A PEOPLE WHO WILL "COME FORTH AS GOLD"

Words of prophecy:

* *Warn My people [those who are truly seeking first the Kingdom, and to be righteously motivated in all things] of the persecution to come - for truly I say to you their love will be thoroughly tested in this hour. For I am, indeed, formulating an absolute judgement of ALL that is apart from Christ in the midst of the congregations - in both attitude and relationships. Truly I say to you, EVERYTHING that can be shaken will be shaken but to those who pass the test by remaining faithful and true to My Will [Word]: they shall come forth as gold from the refiner's furnace, and they, in their love and holiness, shall go on to do mighty [supernatural] exploits for both the remnant Church and the Kingdom in this most glorious hour.*

...."And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved [delivered; protected; made whole - holy]. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come"....Matthew 24:12-14 KJV

...."BUT UNDERSTAND this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear]. For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane. [They will be] without natural [human] affection

(callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good. [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God. For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them]".... 2 Timothy 3:1-5 The Amplified Translation

...."Now you have closely observed and diligently followed my teaching, conduct, purpose in life, faith, patience, love, steadfastness. Persecutions, sufferings -such as occurred to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, persecutions I endured, but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Indeed all who delight in piety and are determined to live a devoted and godly life in Christ Jesus will meet with persecution [will be made to suffer because of their religious {righteous} stand]".... 2 Timothy 3:10-12 The Amplified Translation

The Father needs a people who will "come forth as gold" - a people who love both He and His Word above ALL else. This is precisely why the work of the Cross is so important and, also, why the refining process we have been through over many years has been so intense. Blessed *[divinely empowered]* are all those who have given the Word of God preeminence in their lives.

...."Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing [maintaining a deep revelation of the spiritual reality] that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing".... James 1:2-4 NASB

...."But He [the Lord] knows the way I take; When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold. My foot has held fast to His path; I have kept His way and not turned aside. I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food".... Job 23:10-12 NASB

...."The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread? When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell. Though a host encamp against me, My heart will not fear; Though war arise against me, In spite of this I shall be confident".... Psalms 27:1-3 NASB

...."*[What, what would have become of me] had I not believed that I would see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living! Wait and hope for and expect the Lord; be brave and of good courage and let your heart be stout and enduring. Yes, wait for and hope for and expect the Lord".... Psalms 27:13-14*The Amplified Translation

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that You have raised us up a people whose hearts are established in Your Word - a people who absolutely refuse to walk apart from the empowerment of Your Holy Spirit [*Who is the Spirit of Love*]. And we declare it DONE [*on an ongoing basis*] in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen