

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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"HELD CAPTIVE BY A SPIRIT OF IDOLATRY"

Words of prophecy:

* If one is not willing [to be made willing] to speak [proclaim] words that align themselves with a revelation of My Word [Will] then it is certain that in their heart they do not desire My Will more than the people and/or things in their life - having "allowed" themselves [through a certain negligence in spiritual things] to be held captive by a spirit of idolatry.

Thus, "maintaining" the "status quo" in their life [the maintaining of fear - and the false security that is its spontaneous fruit] becomes their first and foremost pursuit [unconsciously - although they should be conscious of it] - rather than to move on into "perfect liberty" - and the "fullness" of their precious Kingdom-position and destiny in Christ.

"status quo" - the existing state or condition;

* The fear [reverence] of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and, therefore, "idolatry" [in any of its forms] precludes one operating in My Wisdom.

.... "The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning [the chief and choice part] of Wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight and understanding".... Proverbs 9:10 The Amplified Translation

.... "Therefore, my dearly beloved, shun [keep clear away from, avoid by flight if need be] any sort of idolatry [of loving or venerating anything more than God]".... 1 Corinthians 10:14 The Amplified Translation

There are many in positions of authority in the church at large who, in their pursuit of "self-glory" encourage those in their care to receive the answers and solutions they need from them. It is all done under the guise of giving the Word of God preeminence but, in reality, the living Word is pushed aside in order to promote the darkened understanding and wisdom of this world.

In pushing the Word of God aside in this manner it opens the door for a "spirit of idolatry" to be fuelled in the midst of these congregations - a "spirit" that will keep those in bondage to it in a position far, far below the revelation of who they truly are in Christ. It must be clearly understood that self-exaltation from the pulpit produces self-exaltation in the midst of the congregation - and this is the "culture" found in many congregations throughout the earth.

*.... "How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law [Word] of the LORD, and in His law [Word] he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers"....
Psalms 1:1-3 NASB*

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we ask for Your mercy *[and the light of Your Word]* to fall on all those who are bound by a spirit of idolatry *[in any of its forms]* - leading to a deep and thorough repentance on their part - that, in their repentance, they might rise up and take hold of their true Kingdom-position and destiny, in Christ. Because of these things, we proclaim that many, many captives in the midst of their congregations will be set free to pursue the fullness of their own Kingdom-position and destiny, in Christ. And we declare it DONE *[on an ongoing basis]* in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.