

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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Words of prophecy:

* *"Hypocritical smiles" will always eventually give way to words [expressing the depths of one's heart] - as out of the "abundance" of the heart [the place where one dwells continually in their "thinking"] the mouth speaks [either righteously or unrighteously].*

...."How can you speak good things when you are evil [wicked]? For out of the fullness [the overflow, the superabundance] of the heart the mouth speaks. The good [righteously motivated] man from his inner good treasure flings forth good things, and the evil [unrighteously motivated] man out of his inner evil storehouse flings forth evil things. But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for every idle [inoperative, nonworking] word they speak. For by your words you will be justified and acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned and sentenced".... Matthew 12:34-37 The Amplified Translation

...."Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness".... Matthew 23:27-28 NASB

It is ONLY as one diligently "maintains" a pure and intimate relationship with the Father [*again, on a daily basis*] that they will be positioned properly to discern that which is unrighteous in origin and that which is righteous in origin -

and who is truly trustworthy and who is NOT. The "outward" appearance of the words and actions of other people is often deceptive but the Holy Spirit will **ALWAYS** give the one who truly loves God insight into *[a revelation of]* the deepest heart-motivation of others *[in any given moment]* as they continually acknowledge the Father and His Word *[Will]* in ALL of their ways.

....*"Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard [it,] and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name. "They will be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "on the day that I prepare [My] own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." **So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him**".... Malachi 3:16-18 NASB*

....*"For behold, the day is coming, **burning like a furnace** [through the "outpouring of His fiery Love] and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. You will tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing,' says the LORD of hosts".... Malachi 4:1-3 NASB*

Prayer of Proclamation:

Father, we thank You and praise You that You have empowered us to discern between that which is righteous in origin and that which is not - between those who are trustworthy and those who are not. And we declare it DONE *[on an ongoing basis]* in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.