

# 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*

**May 4th**

## "STRONGHOLDS OF PRIDE"

### Words of prophecy:

#### JESUS

\* *As I walked in My earthly ministry, Satan had established his "strongholds of pride" in many of the Pharisees - and, thus, they rejected Me and all that I stood for [the Heart and Will of the Father]. So too, now, in these days there are many who are bound by a stronghold of pride in the midst of the congregations.*

*And, unless a deep and thorough repentance [change of heart] is forthcoming [both individually and corporately] THEN they will be immersed in the deep darkness that "wilful pride" SURELY brings - and, thus, they will not have "ears to hear" or "eyes to see" My Glory rise in the earth in the midst of [and through] a people that have made the Third Heaven their home [dwelling place] in this most critical and glorious hour.*

*.... "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you travel around on sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves".... Matthew 23:15 NASB*

*.... "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in [the Third] heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you [you were not authorized by Me in the secret place of My Father's Presence {the Third Heaven}]; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness [self-will]' ".... Matthew*

7:21-23 NASB

...."*[The Father]* has delivered *[past tense]* and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us *[past tense]* into the Kingdom of the Son of His love".... Colossians 1:13 The Amplified Translation

The Father does not entrust His Authority to the "self-righteous" *[for the "SELF-confident"]* for at the very root of their heart remains a "quest for self-glory" and the approval and praises of "flesh and blood" - as well as a certain reliance upon, and trust in, their "own" understanding.

....*"He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him".... John 7:18 NASB*

....*"For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ".... Galatians 1:10 NASB*

....*"The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the LORD will be exalted".... Proverbs 29:25b NASB*

## **THEREFORE**

....*"Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with ALL your heart and mind and do not rely [to ANY degree] on your own insight or understanding [sense-knowledge and perception]. In ALL your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him [through the continual accessing of His Grace], and He [the Spirit of Grace] will direct and make straight and plain your paths".... Proverbs 3:5-6 The Amplified Translation*

### **Prayer of Proclamation:**

Father, we thank You and praise You that, in this most critical and glorious hour, Your holy Fire is both exposing and driving out every element of spiritual pride *[self-righteousness]* in the midst of the congregations - starting first with those in "leadership". And we declare all of these things DONE *[on an ongoing basis]* in Jesus' Name - to Your greatest Glory. Amen.

*...."it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?".... 1 Peter 4:17 NASB*

*...."Then those who feared [reverenced] 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. For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; 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 [reverence] 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 3:16-4:3 NASB*