

# Before the THRONE

## The Devotional

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1 Kings 3:9

“Give therefore, Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and bad – for who is able to judge this great people?” 1 Kings 3:9

Responsibility can and should bear heavily upon the heart and mind. Solomon has had the kingdom of his father David thrust upon him and in a dream he cries out to the Lord for His help. “I am but a child; I don’t not know how to go out or to come in.” (vs 7). Many endeavor to use bravado to power their way through the difficulties of life, but in so doing, they are left to their own strength and ingenuity. No doubt this will carry them for a while but there is a moment when this pool of personal resources will come to an end or will fail. “Even the youths shall fail and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fail.” (Isaiah 40:30).

The Psalmist cried, “Early will I seek You.” (Psalm 63:1) Isn’t it better to seek the Lord and His abilities before ours come to an end? Isn’t humility an honest acknowledgement of our dependence upon the LORD? “In Him we live and move and have our being.” (Acts 17:28)

Whatever may face you today, whatever the responsibilities or tests, cry out to the Lord early for His help. You need not face it alone or in your own abilities. There is a Resource that will make up for your limitations and will empower you for victory.

“Lord, I am but a child... help me!”

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