

Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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1 Kings 18:17

“And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, “Are you the one who is troubling Israel?” 1 King 18:17

Fallen men almost invariably shift blame from themselves to others! “It’s this woman You gave me!” is the cry! (Genesis 3:12) There is also a persecution for living righteously. To live wholly for Jesus in the midst of a perverse generation causes the sin of others to be illuminated. The contrast is so great between the godly and the sinner (those outside of Christ or upon the backslider – a Christian who is no longer serving the Lord), that an “obvious” conclusion is reached by those experiencing the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Somehow it is the believer’s fault – they are self righteous, intolerant, condemning, bigoted, etc. They may not say it but they are surely thinking it or feeling it. “I feel this way, not because of my sin, or my lifestyle, but because you are making me feel shame.”

Obviously these thoughts and accusations are lies, yet rather than accepting personal responsibility for their sin and confessing that it is their lifestyle that is troubling the land – ignoring that it is their own conscience that is hounding them, they choose rather to blame those who are living uprightly!

If you will choose to will live wholly and holy for Jesus, you may also expect to suffer such accusations or worse from the hands of those convicted by your living example. “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” (2 Timothy 3:12) So, when you face such lies and accusations, first check your own heart, “Am I really living whole-heartedly for Jesus?” “Have I had an arrogant or haughty attitude?”

Once you are settled within your own heart about your spiritual condition, boldly and lovingly stand your ground for Jesus!