

# Before the THRONE

## The Devotional

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1 Kings 20:27-28

“...now the children of Israel encamped before the Syrians like two little flocks of goats, while the Syrians filled the country side! Then a man of God came and spoke to the king of Israel, and said, “Thus says the Lord; “Because the Syrians have said, “The LORD is God of the hills, but His is not God of the valleys,” therefore I will deliver this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am the Lord.” 1 King 20:27-28

How big is your God? We give lip service to the fact that He is the Almighty God, but our actions rarely demonstrate a faith that says, “Ah, Lord God! Behold You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm, and there is nothing too difficult for You.” (Jeremiah 32:17)

Today we may mock those ancients who saw their gods, and even Yahweh, as mere territorial gods – but are we any different today? For some Christians, He is only the God of forgiveness of sins and definitely not the God of healing! For some, He may deliver from habits, but not from devils. Others still insist on “leaning to their own understanding”, after all “that’s why God gave us a brain.” To others, they may see Him answering the prayers of the “great Christians” – Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, etc., but are themselves unsure He will answer their prayers. Still for others, He was only a God of the miraculous in the early church, but sadly, not today – “those things having passed away with the apostles!”

Dear friend, how have you limited the Lord? In what areas of life and faith have you relegated Him to being merely a territorial god – impotent to help you unless you are somehow on His “turf”?!

“Ah Lord God, nothing is too difficult for You” including me and my past, present and future circumstances! I repent of my categorizing You into the realms of merely a territorial god. I affirm afresh that You are the God of all and over all! You are the Lord over the hills and the valleys! You are the wonder working God of the first century church and the 21<sup>st</sup> century church! You are Lord of those Christians I may consider great as well as those of us who are unknown to any but You. Alleluia!”