



Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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1 Samuel 4:3

“...”Let's bring the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD from Shiloh. If we carry it into battle with us, it will save us from our enemies.” 1 Samuel 4:3 NLT

Faith and superstition are often confused. One is based firmly upon the never changing authority of God's word while the other is driven by men's fears. It was not the Ark of the Covenant that could save Israel but only the presence of the LORD. Our icons, our crosses and crucifixes, our holy water, our special litanies can not deliver us from our problems. Only the presence of the LORD can be our Shield and Deliverer!

Natural man (or carnal Christians) prefer to make various symbols, routines, and objects the confidence of their misdirected faith. The pursuit and development a personal relationship with God is often harder work than holding a superstition, especially as it means the necessitating a radical change in thought and lifestyle! (1 Corinthians 3:1-4))

Confidence in anything other than the person of Jesus Christ is futile, and will ultimately produce grave disappointment and sorrow. Beware of any quick fix concerning spiritual things. Genuine and lasting relationships are never based upon things. Those things that may have initially attracted you or intrigued you were never intended as a basis for a lasting and abiding relationship with Jesus Christ.

“It” will never save you! “But when *Peter* saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, “Lord, save me.” And immediately, Jesus stretched forth His hand and caught him.” (Matthew 14:30-31)