



# *Before the THRONE*

## *The Devotional*

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1 Samuel 12:20-21

“...serve the LORD with all your heart. And turn not aside; for then you would go after vain things, which cannot profit deliver; for they are vain.” 1 Samuel 12:20-21

What is it within the heart of man that he must insist upon chasing vanity? From the richest to the poorest, all that man possesses of this life will ultimately slip through his fingers – unless he has “laid up treasure where neither moth or rust corrupt and where thieves cannot break through and steal.” (Matthew 6:19-20)

Our pursuit of that which is seen can easily blind us of the pursuit of that which cannot be seen. It is a foolish and vain thought to reach for the temporal at the expense of the eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:18)

Where is your treasure? Are you laying up eternal treasure or have you mistakenly taken up that which will ultimately neither satisfy nor reward? “But seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:33)

It is not God’s plan nor is it His desire to withhold any good thing from His people. But to allow ourselves to be shortsighted as to the genuine value of that which we pursue is such a waste – such a waste of talent, of resources, of time and of eternity. “For bodily exercise profits little, but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.” (1 Timothy 4:8)

Examine your life for a moment.... Can you identify which of your personal pursuits is vane? What pursuits have honest value? Would rearranging or reordering your priorities be in order? Where will you start?