



Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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1 Samuel 15:24

“And Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and your words, because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.” 1 Samuel 15:24

Who do you really fear? Is it God or man? “The fear of man brings a snare, but he that trusts the Lord shall be safe.” (Proverb 29:25) Why place your trust in man – they shall only fail you! Why look to men for approval – they shall only disappoint you!

Many Pharisees actually believed on Jesus. They knew He was the Messiah but because they feared their peers they rejected their God! “For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.” (John 12:42-43). Are we so in need of man’s approval and his immediate, but temporary praise, that we are willing to forsake the genuine and lasting praise that can only come from God?

How deep do the roots of our faith extend? If they are shallow roots then that praise and approval that comes from men – which itself is shallow – will be what determines our obedience. But if we forsake the shallow praises of men to seek the lasting approval of God, our roots will deepen and find an abundant supply of sustenance in the Rock. Jesus said, “How can you believe, *(those who)* receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that comes from God alone? (John 5:44)

Make wise choices. The source of the approval you seek reveals your heart’s true condition.