



Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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1 Samuel 16:1

“And the Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go...” 1 Samuel 16:1

It is the natural process of life to experience times of mourning. When we lose someone who is close to us either by death, or divorce, or disagreement it produces a time of grief. When we suffer the failure of a dream or a goal, we can again expect normal times of grieving. “A time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.” Ecclesiastes 3:4

There is then a moment or shall we better say, a season when that mourning and grieving comes to an end and life “begins” once again. The Christian is never left hopeless whether in this life or the next, whether at home or in business. Jesus Christ has provided a way and a means for a new beginning! “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who, according to His abundant mercy, has begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:3

And it is this “living hope” made possible by His resurrection victory and His indwelling Holy Spirit which causes all our mourning to cease as we behold His glorious face and see ourselves “hidden with Christ in God.” Colossians 3:3

Whatever your present grief, by all means, allow the grieving process to bring healing in your life, but remember, Christians don’t grieve as those without hope may grieve. Could it be time for you to get up, “fill your horn with the oil of the Holy Spirit, and “go” about your life once again?!