



# *Before the THRONE*

## *The Devotional*

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1 Samuel 16:13-14

“Then Samuel... anointed David in the midst of his brethren; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward... but the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul...” 1 Samuel 16:13-14

The anointing of the Spirit brings the presence of the LORD; for the anointing is the manifest presence of God upon a person's life. While Saul's heart was ruled by fear and rebellion, young David had a heart fast after God's own heart. The dove of the Spirit will always withdraw from those whose hearts don't carry the nature of the Anointed One – The Lamb of God. His gentle nature is easily grieved and He looks for those “whose Heart is perfect toward Him.” (2Chronicles 16:9)

Every Christian has the assurance of God's abiding presence – “I will never leave you or forsake you.” “I am with you always...” (Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 28:20) But there is the issue of the anointing of God – that manifestation of God's Spirit intended by Him for leading and teaching the believer. “But you have an anointing from the Holy One.” This anointing is also for equipping the believer for acts of power and authority. “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power; Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him,. “As My Father has sent Me, even so send I you.” (Acts 10:38; John 20:21)

It's your choice – to live moment by moment in the vitality of God's anointing or to stumble through life always wondering where God is now?