



Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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1 Samuel 16:14

“... but the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.” 1 Samuel 16:14

Without God in our lives, life is a vacuum – empty and purposeless. God’s intended design for man’s creation was fellowship and communion with Him. For those who either reject or ignore the gracious offer of His forgiveness and redemption that is alone found in Jesus Christ, place themselves in a very precarious situation.

By virtue of creation, mankind’s nature is to be a servant, the determining factor in whom we serve resting with our choice as whether we will serve righteousness unto holiness or serve unrighteousness unto uncleanness. (Romans 6:14-20) This may help us clarify this idea – you are the determining factor as to whether you will serve in the “family business” or serve under the taskmaster of sin!

It is precisely this void of decision for Jesus that produces then the filling of man’s heart with the devilish. “Then the unclean spirit says, “I will return to my house from which I came out; and when he comes, he finds it empty, swept and garnished. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself...” (Matthew 12:40-45)

Dear saint, while we need not fear the enemy of our soul, we do need to walk daily, moment-by-moment, under the influence and leading of the blessed Holy Spirit. “And be not drunk with wine, in which is excess, but be continuously filled with the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)