



# *Before the THRONE*

## *The Devotional*

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1 Samuel 16:21

“And David came to Saul and stood before him, and Saul loved him greatly, and David became his armour bearer.” 1 Samuel 16:21

The Kingdom of God operates on a completely different premise than that which men use or govern their lives. To receive, we first must give. To be great, we first must serve. “You know that the princes of the gentiles exercise dominion over them and they that are great exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you, but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant, even so the Son of Man came not to be ministered to, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:25-28)

David, while previously anointed to be King of Israel, is yet found serving the house of Saul. David wasn't just a musician but he also becomes King Saul's armour bearer – a position of service and trust that would require that David be willing to die for his king – the very one he had been anointed to replace! No wonder he is called the “man after God's own heart.”

Are you willing to serve another at the possible cost of our own ministry or position? Are you willing to serve another's house even though you may have the Lord's promise of a great ministry? David was willing – and the Lord's reward was an everlasting name and throne!