



Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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1 Samuel 20:1

“David now fled from Naioth in Ramah and found Jonathan. "What have I done?" he exclaimed. "What is my crime? How have I offended your father that he is so determined to kill me?" 1 Samuel 20:1 NLT

The righteous are often tormented by the false accusations of others. David was hated by Saul. Elijah was blamed for all that troubled Israel. John the Baptist was beheaded because of the tormented mind of an adulterer. Paul was persecuted for proclaiming freedom in Messiah, and of course, Jesus was crucified for living and speaking the truth – “before Abraham was, I am!”

Why does this surprise you then when the family is angered at your love for God and they don’t understand your desire to serve His people? Why are you disappointed when the non-Christian label you a hypocrite? Like young David, we too, are deeply troubled when we are accused of wrong doing, but why should we be surprised, for the Scriptures promise the believer this very thing. “Yes, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” (2 Timothy 3:12).

You see, it is the righteous in heart, that when accused, rather than retaliating, look inward and ask, “What have I done? What is my sin? The fact that the righteous looks at himself first is a testament to his attitude of heart.

Jesus calls you blessed! Jesus calls you to rejoice and be exceeding glad when you are reviled and persecuted for righteousness sake! (Matthew 5:11-12) Dear one, your reward awaits you, rejoice!