

Before the THRONE

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1 Samuel 22:1-2

“And David... escaped to the cave Adullam... Soon his brothers and other relatives joined him there. Then others began coming – men who were in distress and trouble or in debt or who were just discontented – until David was the leader of about four hundred men.” 1 Samuel 22:1-2

The distressed... those in debt... the discontent... hardly the stock from which one would expect to see mighty men emerge. But then again, the Lord’s choice is never what we expect. It is the specialty of Heaven to search out the broken and recreated them and fashion them for His purposes. “They that are well need not a physician, but they that are sick.” (Matthew 9:12).

The obviousness of our own inability – the failing of our own strength – the exhausting of our own ingenuity – bring us face to face with our need of the Saviour. “For without Me, you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

It is this realization that we have failed miserably, this breaking of the human pride, this stripping of our hope in self that brings us utterly to the Master’s feet. When this surrender is absolute, the Spirit will gain an entrance that can be used to take “those in distress in debt and discontented” and transform them into mighty men!