

# *Before the THRONE*

## *The Devotional*

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1 Samuel 25:39

“When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, “Blessed be the LORD; Who has pleaded the cause of my reproach at the hand of Nabal, and kept His servant from evil...”  
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Do not be deceived – it is far easier to defend yourself than hold back and wait for God’s defense! The flesh of man, his old nature, will always rush to protect itself as well as proclaim its innocence. Jesus calls us to act redemptively rather than to react to our circumstances and situations. Our natural reactions typically will produce more strife and hurt. To act redemptively is to refuse the natural inclinations of the old flesh or old nature and to respond to the leadings and promptings of the Spirit. “But I say unto you, do not resist him who is evil but whoever slaps you on our right cheek, turn to him the other also. (Matthew 5: 39)

As we allow the LORD to “plead our cause” with those who would hurt or misuse us, we are exercising a higher level of trust in His abilities. While it may never be easy to hold our tongue, if we want God’s defense, we will also experience a higher level of His blessing and peace. “For You have been a defense for the helpless, a defense for the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm; a shade from the heat.” (Isaiah 25:4). When we choose to defend ourselves, we lose His defense, and O, what we have lost! “The LORD is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread?” (Psalm 27:1b)