



# Before the THRONE

## The Devotional

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2 Chronicles 6:18

“But will God really dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heavens of heavens cannot contain You; how much less this house which I have built!” 2 Chronicles 6:18

Through the millennia men have spent vast fortunes building cathedrals, temples and churches. While these grand edifices may invoke man’s artistic brilliance or stroke his already vain ego, one thing is certain... nothing man builds can hold the glory of God!

It is a familiar story, man’s attempt at pleasing or appeasing God with his works. “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...” (Isaiah 64:6). What hope then do we have of experiencing and knowing this God who is so great and so vast that nothing we build can contain Him? – Indeed even the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him!

“But will God really dwell with man in the earth?” The Christian can answer with a most confident certainty. Most assuredly God will dwell with man, but not in anything which we attempt to build Him. God’s surprise choice has been to tabernacle or dwell with men by His Son – Emmanuel; God with us! “By this we know the Spirit of God; every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God.” (1 John 4:2). And as wondrous as Emmanuel is, He has gone a step further and taken up His residence in the hearts of His believing Children! “That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith...” (Ephesians 3:17)

“Christ in you the hope of glory!” (Colossians 1:27)