



# Before the THRONE

## The Devotional

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2 Chronicles 36:11-14

“Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem eleven years. He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and he refused to humble himself in the presence of the prophet Jeremiah, who spoke for the LORD. He also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, even though he had taken an oath of loyalty in God's name. Zedekiah was a hard and stubborn man, refusing to turn to the LORD, the God of Israel. All the leaders of the priests and the people became more and more unfaithful. They followed the pagan practices of the surrounding nations, desecrating the Temple of the LORD in Jerusalem.” 2 Chronicles 36:11-14 NLT

Sin always works insidiously in the human heart, hardening and darkening the mind and heart until repentance is no longer desired and occasionally not possible. Learn to confess your sin quickly. Quick repentance will keep your heart soft before the LORD. “If we confess our sins...”

“The LORD, the God of their ancestors, repeatedly sent his prophets to warn them, for he had compassion on his people and his Temple.” (2 Chronicles 36:15)

Contrasted by the evil and stubbornness of man's hearts is the Lord's graciousness. He always sends warning before necessary judgment, and He “rises up early” to send His mercy for He is full of compassions. In His compassion Jesus healed the sick. (Matthew 14:14) Today, He is still eager to bless, still eager to forgive; if only His people were as eager to receive of His mercy! Today, as His dwelling place (for you are the temple of the Living God) you can expect that same eagerness from Him to forgive, to heal, and to bless.

Never allow your heart to grow hard but rather look for the eagerness of the LORD to fill you life with His compassion and mercy. “Surely, goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” (Psalm 23:6).