



Before the THRONE *The Devotional*

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2 Kings 13:18

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“So I say to you, ‘Ask and keep on asking, and I shall be given to you; seek and keep on seeking, and you shall find; knock and keep on knocking, and the door shall be opened to you.’” (Luke 11:9 Amplified)

It is easy to ask, but to keep on asking – in the face of seemingly unanswered prayer – now that’s a different story, isn’t it? It’s relatively easy to seek, but to continue on seeking in the face of adversity is again altogether different. And to knock – that’s not hard, but to continue knocking when all senses are telling you, “no one’s home”, no, that can be seen as the actions of a fanatic! “Now pick up the other arrows and strike them against the ground.” So the king picked them up and struck the ground three times.” (2 Kings 13:18 NLT)

And so, the prophet, the spiritual father and “the chariot and horsemen of Israel” instructed the king saying, “Take an arrow and strike the ground!” (2 Kings 13:18). And Joash, like so many Christians today, struck the ground three times and stopped. This was not intended by the prophet as a meaningless religious experience without spiritual or natural meaning, it was a prophetic declaration of Joash’s determination and intensity of faith’s desire to see his enemy overcome! Joash knocked, but didn’t continue knocking. He asked and sought the Lord’s blessing, but he “grew weary in well doing.” (Galatians 6:9) King David understood this principle when he declared, “I have pursued my enemies and have overtaken them; neither did I turn back again until they were consumed. I have wounded them so that they are not able to rise; they are under my feet.” (Psalm 18:37-38).

Saint of God, don’t stop until your enemy has become a footstool for Jesus! Ask in faith again! Seek harder! Keep on knocking until the answer is gloriously evident!