



# *Before the THRONE* *The Devotional*

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2 Kings 17:33

“They feared the LORD, and at the same time served their own gods...” 2 Kings 17:33

How can this be? How can a person at once, both fear the LORD and serve false gods? We must assume that these people had only an historical understanding of Yahweh. They had never had a personal encounter with Him. They had heard stories of His acts and deeds, yet had never personally experienced His covenant faithfulness. Job’s similar encounter with God brought forth these words, “I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, buy now my eye has seen You.” (Job 42:5) You too, must have a similar confrontation with the Living God.

It is our sin and the rebellious nature from which sin springs that separates us from God. And further, it is that rebellious nature that then seeks out false gods in a sort of self achievement and humanistic effort to justify itself by it own religious efforts. In truth, these gods are those very things that ensnare and bind men. “Before you... knew God, you were slaves to so-called gods that do not even exist. And now that you have found God (*or should I say, now that God has found you*), why do you want to go back again and become slaves once more to the weak and useless spiritual powers of this world?” (Galatians 4:8-9 NLT)

What about you? Do you fear the Lord yet serve your own gods? The gods of convenience, attitude, pride, ambition, lust, and self all make poor lords. Isn’t it time to fear the LORD and serve Him with all your heart?