



# *Before the THRONE* *The Devotional*

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2 Kings 20:1 – 6

“In those days Hezekiah was sick unto death... then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the LORD.” 2 Kings 20:1-6

It seems many in our churches have forgotten, or maybe it's that they were never taught how to shut themselves in alone with God. Our spiritual fathers knew something about “praying through.” Our “fast-food” culture has seeped into the Church. There is little time for consistent, determined, tenacious, believing prayer. Very few saints today know what it means to “pray through.” “However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find *persistence* in the faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8)

What would happen if we spent as much time seeking the LORD and pouring through the Word of God as we spend sitting in doctor's offices? What if we locked ourselves in a room and refused to leave until Heaven had spoken? What if we set our faces to the wall, determined and desperate for the Spirit's touch in our lives? What if...? What if...?

There was a certain desperateness in Hezekiah. His body told him his condition was serious and the prophet Isaiah confirmed his thoughts with the word of the LORD. Yet it was this desperateness that drove him, not to despair, but to prayer! And his prayer was not a feeble prayer of emotional unbelief, but a steadfast expectation that God would hear his cry and answer him!

The LORD was merciful to Hezekiah and He will be to you as well. But, would it not be advantageous to learn how to “set your face to the wall”?