

# *Before the THRONE*

## *The Devotional*

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2 Samuel 4:1

“Now when Ishbosheth, Saul’s son, heard that Abner had died in Hebron, he lost courage, and all Israel was disturbed.” 2 Samuel 4:1

Misplace confidence always produces fear. When our hope is misplaced in man or in institutions that are always subject to change, we can only hope to experience disappointment and fear.

“I am the LORD, I change not!” (Malachi 3:6)

There are rightful expectations that we justly place upon men. We expect parents to bless and care for their children. We expect government leaders to be honest. We expect men of God to lead righteous lives. Overriding all of our expectations upon men there must be a confidence in Jesus alone. We must look to Him for our hope and strength. We must look to Him for our provision and security. We must look to Him for our happiness and joy. Men will fall short. Wives will disappoint. Parents will make mistakes. Leaders will fail.

Set your expectations on human strength, human ingenuity, or human talent and at some point your dreams will come crashing down, “All flesh is grass, and all its liveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows upon it. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers, its flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.” Isaiah 40:6-8

“And now Lord, for what do I want? My hope is in You!” (Psalm 39:7)

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