

Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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2 Samuel 11:9

“But Uriah slept at the door of the King’s house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.” 2 Samuel 11:9

Bathsheba is now pregnant with King David’s child! David now plotting to absolve his own guilt and shame, brings Uriah (Bathsheba’s husband), home on the ruse that may give the appearance that the child Bathsheba is carrying is really Uriah’s and not David’s! Talk about a plot for a daytime soap opera!

However, Uriah the Hittite, demonstrates far more honour and integrity of heart as well as sense of duty than the king! Uriah refuses to enjoy the comforts of his wife and home as long as his leaders and comrades are away from home engaged in battle and facing daily hardship! This foreigner demonstrates a far greater loyalty to Israel and to the king than even the king is demonstrating!

To relate to Uriah’s character today, we might ask ourselves, how are my brethren in other places, circumstances, and countries living while I enjoy the pleasures and comforts of my own home? “Remember the prisoners as if chained with them – as those mistreated – since you yourselves are in the body also.” (Hebrews 13:3). It is easy to forget others while we are so blessed, isn’t it?

A life given to Christian virtue and service will find ways to remember the plight of others less fortunate, and when possible, to act in relief of their circumstances. “If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food and one of you say to them, ‘Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,’ but you do not give him the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?” (James 2:15-16)

“Lord, how can I be more of a blessing to those in need? What would you have me do today?”