

# Before the THRONE

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Joel 2:12 – 13

“...Turn to Me now, while there is time! Give Me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Don't tear your clothing in your grief; instead, tear your hearts.” Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful. He is not easily angered. He is filled with kindness and is eager not to punish you.” Joel 2:12 – 13 NLT

The hypocrite – the two-faced person – will always have an outward show, but his heart will be altogether different. To tear your clothes may be appropriate, but only if your heart is torn first! Jesus said, “Ye hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, ‘This people draw near to Me with their mouths, and honour Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me.’” (Matthew 15:7 – 8).

The divided person – the double-minded man – receives nothing from the Lord. (James 1:6 – 8). It is with good reason such a person receives nothing from the Lord – they live and talk two or more different lives! Integrity is first of all being honest within your own heart. The man who is truthful first with himself is a man who can be persuaded of the things of God. A man who is truthful with himself and speaks the truth to his own heart will naturally believe God is trustworthy and good to His Word!

“LORD, who shall abide in Your tabernacle? Who shall dwell in Your holy hill? He that walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart.” (Psalm 15:1 – 2).

“LORD, unite my heart to fear Your name.” (Psalm 86:11).

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