



# Before the THRONE

## The Devotional

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Psalm 95:8 – 11

“Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My work. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, “It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known My ways: Unto whom I swore in My wrath that they should not enter into My rest.” Psalm 95:8 – 11

The Christian’s driving and compelling motivation is to please the Father just as Jesus pleased the Father. After all, to have been born again is to now bear His image and to be able to cry after Him with the cry of “Abba, Father!” Being born again spiritually infuses us with the same longings, the same drive, the same motivations as Jesus Himself. “My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me and to finish His work.” (John 4:34)

The thought of grieving the Lord’s heart should also grieve our hearts. The call of the Church for two thousand years has been – “Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done...” It is a corporate plea as well as an individual response to live out the will of God and to be found pleasing to Him. “Therefore, also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.” (2 Corinthians 5:9)

Practically, whenever we lose sight of this all encompassing motivation for serving the Lord we are in danger of our hearts growing hard and rebellion sneaking in to our daily lives and routines. Soon thereafter hardness of heart may lead to open sin.

“LORD God, may my heart ever desire to please You! May I be found longing for Your heart’s desire, loving Your will more than my own. Teach me how to enter into the rest of God! In Jesus’ name, Amen!”

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