

Before the THRONE

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Ezra 5:4, 10

“Then local authorities, who were angry and threatened by the rebuilding of the Temple, asked *Zerubbabel and Jeshua*, “What are the names of the men who are working on this building?” And these local leaders also sent a letter to King Darius inquiring of him that, we have asked for the names of those building so that we might inform you and see who is chief among them.” Ezra 5:4,10 paraphrased

Intimidation and threats are calculated to stop the work of God. The reality is that those Christians who have given themselves to prayer and are walking in the light of their calling – actively labouring for Jesus – are already known to the devil. “And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul, I know, but who are you?” (Acts 19:15). All others are merely faces that offer no resistance or threat to the dark kingdom and often they unknowingly are of it as well.

The servant of the LORD has no desire to be known by the camp of the evil one. All that matters to him is the Jesus is glorified and that He alone is pleased with his life’s work and labour. The believer’s chief concern is to be found obeying and pleasing Jesus Christ. It is in this whole-hearted pursuit of pleasing God and knowing Him that others take notice. “Behold, I give unto you power to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding, don’t rejoice in that the spirits are subject to you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.” (Luke 10:19-20)

Well? Is your name written in heaven? Are you known by Jesus Christ?