

# Before the THRONE

## The Devotional

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Ezra 9:8-9

“And now for a little moment grace has been shown from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail (*security*) in His holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. For we were slaves; yet our God has not forsaken us in our bondage, but has extended mercy to us in the sight of the Kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set upon the house of God and to repair the desolations of it, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.” (Ezra 9:8-9)

Whatever your difficulty; whatever it is you are facing; the LORD has a grace to enable you to escape and to even be encouraged while you are going through it! “There has no temptation take you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not permit you to be tempted above that which you are able, but will with the temptation, also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.” (1 Corinthians 10:13).

The Lord has the ability to make a way for His people even in the worst of times and under the worst of circumstances. To remain in our sin, stubbornly resisting the gentle mercy of the Lord keeps the believer from seeing the Lord’s desire to “lighten our eyes” and we miss His path of escape.

To whatever you find yourself a slave; the Lord has already made a way of escape! He has not forsaken you as your enemy has whispered in your ear, but He is even now extending mercy toward you. Turn from you sin and unbelief and turn to the mercy of the Lord!

“Lord, I turn from my sins and my struggles and I now turn to face You and Your new mercies found in Jesus Christ!”

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