

# Before the THRONE

## *The Devotional*

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Joshua 5:9

“Then the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the shame of your slavery in Egypt...” Joshua 5:9

Spiritual impotence within the Church has greatly lessened our impact upon our culture and world! Most believing Christians are lacking a credible witness to those that are outside the faith. Could it be that we have not yet had the “reproach of Egypt” rolled away from us? It is possible while professing faith in Christ our hearts have never been circumcised and we remain unchanged on the inside? Is it possible that our old habits and manner of living before our coming to Jesus have never been “rolled away?”

What hold did Egyptian culture and society have on Moses? Had Zipporah, his wife, not intervened and circumcised their son, Israel would have needed another deliverer! (Exodus 4:24). And having received God’s law directly, Moses still allows the next generation to wander for forty years in the wilderness without the covenant sign of circumcision!

As new creatures in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17), let us put away those things from our life before knowing Christ that hinders us yet in our quest to know Him better. “Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us.” (Hebrews 12:1 NLT)

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