

# Before the THRONE

## *The Devotional*

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Joshua 24:14

“Now, therefore, fear the LORD, and serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the river.” Joshua 24:14

Sincerity is a good thing, isn't it? While the words of the insincere ring hollow and few are their friends, the sincere are liked and trusted. But sincerity is not enough when it comes to whom we have chosen to worship. Jesus said, “God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.” (John 4:24). So, not only must worship be sincere and genuine, it must be in truth. To worship a false god in sincerity is still to worship a false god. And conversely, to worship the One True and Living God, but to do it half-heartedly is equally troubling. (Revelation 3:16).

As Joshua's days were coming to an end, he courageously calls the nation of Israel to a quality choice... “Choose this day whom you will serve.” But as Joshua boldly led them into the Promised Land, so now he continues to lead them by example, “but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. (Joshua 24:15-16) As it was with Joshua and the people, so today you must choose as well. Will it be the LORD God you choose to worship in sincerity, throwing yourself wholeheartedly into His service and worship or will you hold back and reserve a portion of your life for yourself?

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