

# Before the THRONE

## *The Devotional*

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Judges 5:8

“They chose new gods; then there was war in the gates.” Judges 5:8

Wars are won or lost at the gates of a city. Spiritual warfare is no different; it is won or lost at the gateway of your thoughts. Without a strong defense at the gate of our hearts and minds we become a prey for unbelief, fear, and humanistic (anti-Christ) thoughts. From the subtle to the defiant, every thought must be in submission to Jesus Christ for there are a multitude of “new gods” that are clamoring for your attention and your thralldom!

What do you spend your time thinking about? Are those thoughts Christ honouring or do they bring dishonour to Him? “Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, what ever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good report, if there be any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things. (Philippians 4:8)

With whom do you spend the bulk of your time? Do your companions (even of the television or radio kind), encourage your faith or do their words sow seeds of fear, unbelief and uncleanness in your heart and mind?

Whether or not you are aware of it, there is a war that you are currently engaged in and its outcome will be determined by how these thoughts are met when they come to the gate of your heart!

“But we have the mind of Christ.” (1Corinthians 2:16).