

# Before the THRONE

## The Devotional

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Judges 21:25

“In those days, there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”  
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Herein lays the essence of man’s dilemma – the rebellion of his heart toward the rule and reign of God. “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way, and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” (Isaiah 53:6). The LORD created Man for dominion, but His original intention was that Man’s dominion would flow from the personal relationship he possessed with God. Any other basis for dominion is easily corrupted and quickly turns to unregulated dominance. Even men’s good intentions, if they issue from a rebellious heart, produce death. “Jesus saw that they were ready to take Him by force and make Him king, so He went higher into the hills alone.” (John 6:15NLT) It is said, “The road to hell is paved with good intentions.”

God’s graciousness to men is seen in the provision of His Word. For it is only His word that we can make an accurate assessment of our heart’s true condition. Without God’s Word penetrating into our hearts, we would never understand the height of our rebellion against God. The Word always lay bear the true motives and intentions of the human heart. (Hebrews 4:12)

Thank God, there is a King in Israel! He rules today in the hearts of those who have seen the corruption of their own ways and have repented and named Jesus Christ their LORD and Saviour. (Philippians 2:10-11)

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