



# Before the THRONE

## The Devotional

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Nehemiah 1:3

“The remnant who are left from the captivity... are in great affliction and reproach; the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down and its gates are burned with fire.” Nehemiah 1:3

Let us liken the walls of Jerusalem to the walls of the human personality and the gates of Jerusalem to the seats of authority and entrance to the mind and heart of man. So often Christians find little success or even little ability to live a quality life free from the bondages of sin! Why is this? Because so often the walls of human personality have been so ravaged by sin in all its forms, manifestations and consequences, that unless their lives are rebuilt upon the word of God they will continue to meet with frustration upon frustration. “He that has no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.” (Proverbs 25:28; also see Romans 12:1-2).

Of course, as long as we are alive in this world and in these natural bodies we will face adversity, and even at times hardships. “I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound; everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need (Philippians 4:12). But listen to the response of the man of God who is firmly established in Christ and whose personality has been made whole in Christ... “I can do all things through Christ, Who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13)

The Christian life (once a person is born again) is a journey of rebuilding our souls – that is our emotions, our thinking, and our will (choices). It won't happen overnight, but in a moment you can make the choice to live solely by the Word of God and the counsel of the Holy Spirit. He alone is the Master Rebuilder of lives, fashioning every believer to the likeness of Jesus!

“Lord God, I need my life remodeled! Thank You for the word of God, for the Holy Spirit's presence, and for a church full of brethren who are themselves being transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ!”