

# Before the THRONE

## The Devotional

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Nehemiah 4:7-9

“When Sanballet and Tobiah heard that the repairing of the wall of Jerusalem went forward, and the breaches began to be closed, they were angry... and conspired to fight against Jerusalem and to hinder it. Nevertheless, we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night...” Nehemiah 4: 7-9

Is it possible to imagine what life would be like without the resistance of evil or sickness, poverty or lack always hindering us? Yes! In a word – Heaven! But the stark reality is this – we currently live in a realm whose god is the devil! “In whom the god of this world has blinded the mind of them who believe not...” (2 Corinthians 4:4). Therefore we meet with a constant flow of evil and it must be resisted and overcome moment by moment. “Be sober and vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, like a roaring lion walks about, seeking whom he may devour; whom resist steadfast in the faith, know that the same afflictions are accomplished in our brethren that are in the world.” (1 Peter 5:8-9). We must be ever vigilant, and Nehemiah understood the proper response to the hindrance of the enemy – prayer. “Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation; the spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Matthew 26:41).

When we find ourselves in a conspiracy to hinder our faith walk – the answer is not to work harder but to prayer harder and stand ever more squarely on the Word!

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