

# Before the THRONE

## The Devotional

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Nehemiah 7:4

“At that time the city was large and spacious, but the population was small. And only a few houses were scattered throughout the city.” Nehemiah 7:4

It is too easy to find either church buildings full of empty people or empty church buildings where once thriving congregations lived! Of what value is a large church building when the people inside are empty and living no differently than the people on the outside? In spite of this, we can rejoice for God will always have a remnant, a few faithful people that will not compromise with the world, but will live wholly for Christ!

It is not enough to gather people, we must make disciples. “Go ye, therefore, and disciple the nations...” (Matthew 28:19) Gathering people is relatively simple – provide them with something they want and they will come. Truth rarely attracts people – especially when it concerns the condition of their hearts. Therefore, to attract people without ministering to the deepest need of their sinful nature and broken heart is only to give them a religious salve that glosses over the deeper need, leaving them deceived and still dead in their sin.

To build something of eternal value – something that will change men from the inside out, we need power from another realm. “Not by might, or by power, but by My Spirit declares the LORD.” (Zechariah 4:6). Without Holy Ghost power we are left to men’s methods and means. And while the Lord is gracious to assist in these endeavors, how much better to have His means to accomplish His ends!

“If I am lifted up... I will draw all men unto Me.” (John 12:32).