

Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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Nehemiah 13:19-31

“... I commanded that the gates be shut and not be opened until after the Sabbath... So the merchants and sellers of all kinds lodged outside the gates of Jerusalem... Then I testified against them and said to them “Why do you lodge before the wall? If you do so again I will lay hands on you.” From that time forward they no longer came on the Sabbath.” ... Thus I cleansed them of all things pagan.” Nehemiah 13:19-31

What lies outside your gate that may cause you to sin or to compromise your Christian faith? How easily are you persuaded to yield to temptation? “Sin lies at your door.” (Genesis 4:7). The believer must at some point stand up to the devil and testify against him and then speak to him. “And they (“they” means us too) overcame *the devil* by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” (Revelation 12:11).

It is important to guard the gates of our lives, to watch what we allow to enter our hearts and minds. “My son, give attention to my words, keep them in the midst of your heart, let them not depart from your eyes, for they are life to those who find them and health and medicine to all their flesh. Guard your heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life.” (Proverb 4:20-23).

Give no foothold to the devil. Don't afford him any courtesy. Rid yourself of all that displeases the Lord. “The devil comes and he finds nothing in Me.” (John 14:30).

“Lord, may we too, leave no place in our lives for the devil. May we be wholly Yours! May our testimony concerning Jesus and His Blood be ever effective and overcoming in the Holy Spirit's might and strength! Amen.”