

Refusing the Throne

[George (Kinah) finally left, after threatening to spread bad rumors about us in Londrina if we didn't give him money.]

When we talked to George he said he did not want to go to the throne of grace. Only the devil would refuse to go to the throne. If he refused to go to the throne of grace, he is cut off. He cut himself off from the rights of the citizenship of Israel — to receive grace and help in a time of need. He refused to go; he separated himself from that right. Rom 6:5 If we died a death like our Master did, then we will live a life like He lived. If George did not die to everything, then Satan had inroads into his life — so of course he fell away (1 Cor 16:22). We cannot feel sorry for a reprobate. Ps 15:4 If we pleaded with someone to repent, love our Master, and put Him first, and he wouldn't do it, he is an idolater; he worships other spirits. 2 Pet 2:20-21 — It would be better if he had never heard. Just think of the difference between the judgment for someone who never heard the truth and for one who *has* — especially *all* that George heard in almost a year. He deserves the same recompense as Satan (Mt 25:41). Satan and his angels stood in the presence of God but they wanted to be equal with God. So I am thankful that God created a place for people who spurned the truth. This is just — righteous. God cannot be any other way than to reward goodness and condemn unrighteousness. He didn't come to judge the world.... But some people are already judged. When people threaten to spread rumors about us, they seal their judgment by behavior like that. If you love your life, you will lose it. If I don't love my Master with an affectionate love, He will cut me off. I'm thankful for that.