

## *Down from the Throne*

When Raphael Sanzio, an Italian painter of the High Renaissance, brought his painting, *The Sistine Madonna*, to Dresden, Germany, it was displayed in the castle before the king. The spot where the light was best, however, was already occupied by the throne.

Observing the situation, the king immediately stepped down from his royal chair, saying, "Make room for the immortal Raphael!"

Today, as then, there is but one throne in the human heart. The most important question for any of us to answer is this: Who is to occupy that place of authority and rule? Will it be self (the ego) or Christ?

If we are to emulate His example, our own selfish desire must be set aside.

Let us ask the question of ourselves: Who is on the throne of my life – self or Savior? Let us learn of Him who is gentle and lowly in heart.

The associates in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home demonstrate their understanding of this truth as they give themselves in service to others.

*Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You* (Psalm 143:8).

--Beecher Hunter