

April 13

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that God's love for Christ's followers is of the same nature as His love for the descendants of Abraham? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one He has appointed to the position of being a "son"? (This is true of both men and women.) Do I find myself drawn to Christians as friends, or do I find myself drawn to unsaved people for my closest friendships?

1 **God has sought to express His love to men** — *2 Chronicles 9:8 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, to be king for the LORD thy God: because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice.*

What can I expect God to do since His love for me is like His love for Israel?

What examples of God's love can I praise Him for?

2 **I am a son of God as an expression of God's love** — *1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*

What's the difference between "a son of God" and a sinner saved by grace?

Why does the devil want me to think of myself as only a sinner saved by grace?

3 **I am to have a natural affection for my brothers in Christ** — *1 Thessalonians 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.*

Since becoming a follower of Christ, what new friendships have I made?

What Christians or kinds of Christians do I find it hard to get close too?

Holy Spirit, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Luke 12:1-31

Evening: 1 Samuel 22, 23, 24