

# April 14

## TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

**KEY IDEAS:** Do I recognize that through Christ God has made it possible to have access to Him? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one to whom He desires to show mercy? Do I recognize He'll go to great lengths to benefit me? Do I understand that the Lord wants me to be merciful to others in the way that He has been merciful to me?

**1** **God determined to allow all people to have access to Him** — *Psalm 86:9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. 10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.*

What do I learn about God's generosity and mercy from this verse?

What wonderful things has God done for me that I can praise Him for?

**2** **I am God's kinsman and a recipient of His mercy** — *1 Peter 2:10 Which in time past [were] not a people, but [are] now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech [you] as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul....*

What do I learn about God from the fact that He has shown mercy to Gentiles?

Why does the devil want me to think of God as being inflexible and harsh?

**3** **I am to show mercy to others as God has been merciful to me** — *Luke 6:36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.*

When have I shown mercy to others and it didn't benefit me?

When could I have shown mercy to others and it would have benefitted me?

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

## OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Luke 12:32-59

Evening: 1 Samuel 25, 26