

April 16

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that God wants me to experience His companionship? Do I allow the Lord free reign to influence my life as He pleases? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one whose real home is with Him in heaven? Am I really seeking the kingdom and the way of righteousness first? Or, do earthly things have first place in my life?

1 **God is present in heaven and on earth** — *Isaiah 66:1 Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?*

Where can I experience God's companionship and influence?

What examples of God's companionship and influence can I praise Him for?

2 **I am absent from my home in heaven** — *2 Corinthians 5:6 Therefore [we are] always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord...*

What evidence is there that I think of heaven as my real home?

What evidence is there that I think of earth as my real home?

3 **I am to seek the ways of heaven** — *Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

In what ways does my life demonstrate that I am seeking the kingdom first?

In what ways does my life indicate that eternal things aren't first place?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Luke 13:23-35

Evening: 1 Samuel 30, 31