

April 18

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that the Lord has tailored His plan to influence my heart? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one that has been a part of His ancient plans? Do I recognize that from the beginning God planned to redeem me? Does my life demonstrate a reverence and awe for the Lord?

1 **God acts as He wills** — *Job 23:13 But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth. 14 For he performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with him. 15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him. 16 For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me.*

In what ways has the Lord changed and exerted His influence on my heart?

What examples of His influence and change can I praise the Lord for?

2 **I am included in God's ancient plans and promises** — *Isaiah 65:1 I am sought of [them that] asked not [for me]; I am found of [them that] sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation [that] was not called by my name.*

How does it make me feel to know that I was always a part of God's plan?

Why does the devil want me to think that I am only an after thought to God?

3 **I am to reverence God and be in awe of His grace** — *Psalms 34:9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for [there is] no want to them that fear him.*

How does my life demonstrate a reverence and respect for God and His work?

What steps can I take to strengthen and refine my reverence for God?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Luke 14:25-35

Evening: 2 Samuel 3, 4, 5