

April 19

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that the amount of turmoil in my life is in direct proportion to how close or far I am to the Lord? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one for whom He has worked to create peace? Am I at peace with others? Do I seek to reconcile hostile parties? Do I avoid behavior that creates unnecessary friction?

1 **God is a God of peace** — *Romans 15:33* Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

How is the level of turmoil in my life impacted by my closeness to God?

What examples of God producing peace in my heart can I praise Him for?

2 **I am a saint (set a part from sin) and a recipient of his grace and peace** — *Romans 1:6* Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ: 7 *To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called [to be] saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

What kinds of turmoil are produced in my life by sin?

Why does the enemy want me to only focus on the pleasure that sin brings?

3 **I am to pursue things that promote peace** — *Romans 14:19* Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

When have I sought to promote peace between myself and others?

What kinds of steps promote peace between hostile parties?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Luke 15:1-10

Evening: 2 Samuel 6, 7, 8