

April 20

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that men judge based upon outward appearances but God judges men's hearts? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one whose sins are completely forgiven and blotted out? Do I understand that God is trying to spare me the consequences and nasty results that accompany sin?

1 **God is righteous and judges the hearts of men** — *Psalm 7:9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.*

What is the benefit of God judging men's hearts rather than just their actions?

When was I encouraged by the thought that God knows my heart?

2 **I am right before God because of Jesus death** — *Romans 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one [judgment came] upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one [the free gift came] upon all men unto justification of life.*

Which of my sins come to mind when I think of Jesus dying for me?

Why does the devil want me to think that I am still condemned for those sins?

3 **I am to pursue God's way and I will spare myself destructive influences** — *Proverbs 21:21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.*

What are the destructive consequences of sins that I have observed in others?

What are some of the possible risks and results of the sins I have committed?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Luke 15 :11-32

Evening: 2 Samuel 9,10, 11