

# April 21

## TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

**KEY IDEAS:** Do I recognize that God has absolute power and control over the troubles and problems I am facing? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one that He desires to help in time of trouble? I can't help everybody but who do I need to help in overcoming bad choices? Who accepts my assistance?

**1** **God delivers His servants out of trouble** — *Daniel 6:27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.*

What kinds of trouble do I and others around me need to be delivered from?

What examples of God's deliverance can I praise Him for?

**2** **I am protected and given refuge in God** — *2 Samuel 22:2 And he said, The LORD [is] my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer....*

What do I think of when God is described as a "rock" and "fortress"?

Why does the devil want me to doubt that God cares about my problems?

**3** **I am to seek to protect others by helping them overcome their own folly or weakness** — *1 Thessalonians 5:13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. [And] be at peace among yourselves. 14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all [men].*

Who am I observing now that is making reckless and self-destructive choices?

What steps can I take that would help one who is making bad choices?

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

## OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Luke 16

Evening: 2 Samuel 12, 13