

# April 22

## TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

**KEY IDEAS:** Do I regularly spend time in prayer bringing my requests before the Lord every day? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one that He desires to help in facing problems? Does my life demonstrate that God cares about my needs? Is my prayer life habitual and filled with thanksgiving and praise?

**1** **God in heaven hears and answers our prayers** — *Matthew 7:11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?*

What good things am I asking God for routinely in prayer?

What examples of answered prayer can I praise the Lord for?

**2** **I am a child of God and my Father is in heaven** — *Matthew 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*

What insight does this verse give me about the problems I am facing?

What will happen if I think God should only let good things happen to me?

**3** **I am to pray with gratitude to God** — *Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

What do the phrases “in every thing by prayer” and “with thanksgiving” imply?

For what things do I find it easy to thank and praise God?

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

## OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Luke 17:1-19

Evening: 2 Samuel 14, 15