

April 24

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that God is the only true source of a lasting hope? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one who has a definite reason for confidence in the present and hope for the future? Do I delight in the hope that I have in Christ?

1 **God is the God of hope** — *Romans 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.*

How much hope can I expect to experience if I neglect the Spirit's role?

What hope has the Lord brought to my life for which I can praise Him?

2 **I am saved by the fact of Christ's death and resurrection** — *Romans 8:24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?*

What expectation about the future will a person have before turning to Christ?

Why does the enemy want me to think about today only rather than the future?

3 **I am to surround my thought life with hope** — *Psalms 147:11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.*

To what future things can I look forward to with confidence?

What promises about my future have I learned through my study of the Bible?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Luke 18:1-23

Evening: 2 Samuel 19, 20