

# April 30

## TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

**KEY IDEAS:** Do I recognize that God shows mercy and forgiveness to me in spite of my rebelliousness? Am I deceived thinking that I'm better than those who have wronged me? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one whose sins are completely forgiven? Do I extend forgiveness and mercy to others in the same way the Lord took pity on me?

**1** **God is the master of mercy and forgiveness** — *Daniel 9:9 To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him....*

What are God's mercy and forgiveness contrasted with here?

What examples of God's mercy and forgiveness can I praise Him for?

**2** **My sins have been forgiven** — *Colossians 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins....*

How does it make me feel to know that my sin debt was completely cancelled?

Why does the devil want me to keep reflecting upon my past failures and sin?

**3** **I am to show forgiveness and mercy to others as Jesus taught His followers to act toward others** — *Matthew 18:33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?*

Since God forgave me, how should I act toward those who have wronged me?

To whom have I been forgiving? To whom have I shown mercy?

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

## OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Luke 21:1-19

Evening: 1 Kings 8, 9