

August 4

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that my relationship to the Lord is the only thing that has certain and lasting value? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one with an inheritance that is worth protecting? Do I brood and isolate myself when someone wrongs me? If I harbor resentment how will this behavior threaten my spiritual development?

1 **God is our portion and inheritance for eternity** — *Psalm 73:25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. 26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.*

What things do I put my confidence in that only offer a fleeting hope?

What things does God use to strengthen me that I can praise Him for?

2 **I am partaker in the inheritance of the saints in light** — *Colossians 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light....*

What benefits do I gain from a healthy relationship with other believers?

Why does the devil want me to see little benefit in my relationship to others?

3 **I am to keep bitterness from defiling my birthright** — *Hebrews 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; 16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.*

When have I brooded and isolated myself when someone wronged me?

What steps can I take in order to overcome the bondage of bitterness?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Romans 7

Evening: Psalms 66, 67