

August 12

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that God is a living God and is able to deliver me from bondage? Do I see myself as God sees me, as His precious child that He desires to keep from bondage? Do I find myself fixating on the things of the flesh? Or, do various forms of entertainment control my life?

1 Unlike an idol, God is able to save His children — *Isaiah 45:20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. 21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.*

In what ways is the living God different from an idol made of wood or stone?

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

2 I am a child of God — *1 John 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.*

While I don't bow down to an image, what bondage do I struggle with?

Why does the devil want me to think that idol worship only involves images?

3 I am to deny myself by setting aside the sins of the flesh — *Colossians 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry....*

What fleshly desires dominate me such as: lust, gluttony, envy, greed, etc?

What things interfere with my following the Lord?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Romans 12

Evening: Psalms 84, 85, 86