

August 19

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I experience first-hand knowledge of God by spending quality time in prayer? Do I see myself as God sees me, do I see myself as God's friend and confidant? Am I growing closer to the Lord by meditating on His Word?

1 **God is to be known by His people** — *Hosea 8:2 Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee.*

What things demonstrate that I have a personal knowledge of God?

What examples of God revealing Himself can I praise Him for?

2 **I am privileged to know God and am capable of great things through His power** — *Daniel 11:32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do [exploits].*

What benefits can I expect as a result of a first-hand knowledge of God?

Why does the devil want me to have only a theoretical knowledge of God?

3 **I am to seek to expand my first-hand knowledge of God** — *Hosea 6:6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.*

Why is it better to experience God rather than just to go through the motions?

What is my practice in getting close to God through prayer and His Word?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: 1 Corinthians 2

Evening: Psalms 103, 104