

August 20

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I have a relationship with God that demonstrates His rule over me that others see? Do I see myself as God sees me, as His child and an agent of change in the world? Are God's rule and the Spirit's influence evident in my relationships and values?

1 **God is the ruler of a kingdom that will fill the whole earth** — *Daniel 2:44* *And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.*

How large will God's kingdom be, and over whom will He rule?

What examples of God's wisdom in ruling over me can I praise Him for?

2 **I am a child of the kingdom** — *Matthew 13:38* *The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked [one]....*

What is the advantage of recognizing that I am now God's child?

Why does Satan want me to ignore the fact that God is my Father?

3 **I am to seek righteousness in keeping with God's rule** — *Romans 14:17* *For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*

If I distort the value of what others eat or drink, what problems do I create?

Do I want others to do what I want or do what Christ wants?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: 1 Corinthians 3

Evening: Psalms 105, 106