

August 21

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I live in a state of readiness for the Lord's return, and am I prepared for my life to be judged? Do I see myself as God sees me, do I see myself as set free from sin's grip? Are there things in my life of which I would be ashamed if the Lord returned and found me doing them?

1 **God will judge those who do not turn away from sin — Ezekiel 18:30**
Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

What comfort can I get from the idea of God judging wicked men?

What illustrations of God's judgment can I praise Him for?

2 **I am identified in death since the old way of living and the power of sin is destroyed — Romans 6:6**
Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with [him], that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

What things in my life are a carryover from the old sinful lifestyle?

Why does the devil want me to cling to the old sinful practices and lifestyle?

3 **I am to have a change of heart about sin — Revelation 3:3**
Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

In what way do the actions with which I struggle hinder my walk with the Lord?

In what ways am I demonstrating that I believe Jesus could return today?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: 1 Corinthians 4

Evening: Psalms 107, 108, 109