

August 31

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I forget that some day God will execute judgment and establish justice? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one who He desires to be with and to be near? Am I looking forward to the Lord's return because He will finally be here? Or, am I anxious because I am focusing only on the here and now?

1 **God is coming near in judgment** — *Psalm 98:5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. 6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King. 7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. 8 Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together 9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.*

How do I know I have a healthy attitude toward the concept of judgment?

What examples of God's wisdom in judgment can I praise Him for?

2 **I have been brought near to God** — *Psalm 145:18 The LORD [is] nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.*

What steps am I taking to keep me from drifting from the Lord and His ways?

Why does the devil want me to lack resolve and direction in following Christ?

3 **I am to watch by being patient and set my heart on the Lord's return since He is drawing near** — *James 5:8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.*

What evidence is there in my life that I am looking for the Lord's return?

What attitudes and behaviors do I need to work on to be ready for His return?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Evening: Psalms 132,133,134