

December 23

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that God is able to deliver me from any kind of threat? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one whom the Lord desires to protect and deliver? Do I recognize that my impatience can place me in the path of peril? Do I understand that when I act with impatience it interferes with God's work in my life? Do I recognize that my doubt delays God's intervention in my problems?

1 **God's power is overwhelming** — *Psalm 147:12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. 13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee. 14 He maketh peace in thy borders.... 17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?*

Based upon this verse, what best describes the extent of God's power?

What examples of God's power do I see around me for which I can praise Him?

2 **I am guarded by God and beyond the reach of my enemies** — *Psalm 59:9 [Because of] his strength will I wait upon thee: for God [is] my defence.*

Besides God, in what things do I place my trust for protection?

Why does the devil want me to assume that my life will be problem free?

3 **I am to learn to wait upon the Lord with patience** — *Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

If I wait upon and trust in the Lord, what can I expect to happen in my life?

What will happen if I become impatient and doubt the Lord?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Revelation 14

Evening: Nahum 1, 2, 3