

February 3

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I understand that God is predisposed to forgiving people and does everything possible to make it happen? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one whose sins have been completely blotted out? Are there activities in my life that I would condemn a pastor or other leader if I knew they did the same thing?

1 **God is forgiving and delights to show mercy** — *Micah 7:18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.*

When it comes to forgiveness, in what way is God unlike men?

What things has God forgiven me for that I can praise Him for?

2 **I am blameless in God's sight and all of my sins have been forgiven** — *Colossians 2:13 And you, being dead...hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.*

For what things from my past do I have difficulty forgiving myself?

What advantage is it to the devil if I ignore God's forgiveness?

3 **I am to be blameless in my behavior as I expect leaders to be blameless** — *1 Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach.*

What things do I indulge in that I'd condemn a leader if he did the same thing?

What activities do I indulge in that can bring reproach to Christ?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Matthew 22:1-22

Evening: Exodus 31, 32, 33