

February 9

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I understand that even when God pronounces judgment He is still looking for a way to show mercy? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one who has been shown mercy and been forgiven? Am I merciful toward others since God has shown mercy to me?

1 **God is merciful** — *Jonah 4:2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.*

What does this verse illustrate about God in relationship to sinful people?

What examples of God's mercy can I thank Him for?

2 **I am a recipient of God's mercy** — *1 Timothy 1:13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.*

What great sins has God forgiven me of? What did I do that required mercy?

Why does the devil want me to live in guilt and think that I'm unforgiven?

3 **I am to be merciful to others since I am a follower of Christ** — *Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*

In what ways does my life demonstrate God's mercy to others?

In what areas of my life has my heart become hardened toward others?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Matthew 25:1-30

Evening: Leviticus 6, 7