

February 25

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I understand that it is dangerous to try and get back at those who treat me unfairly? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one He desires to be close to Him? Am I seeking to get back at anyone for mistreating me? Do I have a strategy that works to show kindness to my enemies?

1 **It is certain that God will act to punish His enemies** — *Nahum 1:2 God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.*

How should I live since God is certain to judge all who oppose Him?

What examples of God's deliverance from attack can I praise Him for?

2 **I am out of the reach of my enemies and cannot be shaken** — *Psalms 62:2 He only [is] my rock and my salvation; [he is] my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.*

How close am I to the Lord? What steps do I need to take to move closer?

Why does Satan want my life to be in turmoil and upheaval?

3 **I am to be gracious to my enemies** — *Romans 12:20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.*

If it is God's job to judge and punish as necessary, what is my responsibility?

How should I respond to my enemies? What should I plan to do?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Mark 5:1-20

Evening: Numbers 9,10,11