

January 4

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that God hasn't promised to keep me from trouble, but He has promised to help me face trouble? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one to whom He can extend limitless power in order to overcome problems? Am I facing my problems in my own strength or with the Lord's unlimited power?

1 **God is merciful and protects the righteous with His strength** — *Psalm 57:1*
Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

What in this verse indicates that God's servants will experience calamity?

What examples of God's deliverance can I thank and praise Him for?

2 **I am the object of God's power** — *Ephesians 3:20* *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.*

When have I seen a God's power demonstrated?

What advantage is it to the devil if I have a low opinion of God's capabilities?

3 **I am to depend less upon myself and more upon God and His power** — *2 Corinthians 12:9* *And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

When have I depended upon my abilities and resources to fix my problems?

What areas do I need to turn over to the Lord? Where do I need His help?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Matthew 4

Evening: Genesis 10, 11, 12