

January 13

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I understand that God desires me to be close to Him and He seeks to be close to me? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one with whom He desires to have close personal fellowship? Am I seeking to do things that bring me closer to the Lord or that cause me to move away from Him?

1 **God has sought to be near His people** — *Exodus 29:45 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.*

What do I learn about God's desires from this verse?

What times have I felt God's presence for which I can praise Him?

2 **I am brought near to God through Christ's blood** — *Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*

What is it referring to when it says: ""who sometimes were far off""?

Why does the devil seek to interfere with my awareness of God's presence?

3 **I am to continue to walk close to the Lord with integrity** — *Psalms 26:1 Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; [therefore] I shall not slide.*

In what ways do I slide away from walking with the Lord?

What things do I need to do to walk closer with the Lord?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Matthew 9:18-38

Evening: Genesis 31, 32