

# January 19

## TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

**KEY IDEAS:** Do I recognize that God desires to protect and deliver me? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one He wants to strengthen as I pass through hard times and trials? Do I only praise God when things go according to my desires and expectations? Do I praise God in good times and hard times?

**1** **God is our Father** — *Isaiah 63:16 Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.*

How does a model earthly father seek to deliver and preserve his children?

For what examples of protection and deliverance can I praise the Lord?

**2** **I am the Lord's kinsman** — *Zechariah 13:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It [is] my people: and they shall say, The LORD [is] my God.*

When the Lord helps me through trials, what do I learn about Him?

What happens when I don't think trials fit with the idea of a loving father?

**3** **I am to pursue a life that is characterized by praise** — *Psalm 100:3 Know ye that the LORD he [is] God: [it is] he [that] hath made us, and not we ourselves; [we are] his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, [and] into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, [and] bless his name.*

For what things do I typically thank and praise God?

For what things can I praise God even when I am going through a trial?

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

## OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Matthew 13 :1-30

Evening: Genesis 46, 47, 48