

January 23

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I realize that God hears my prayers and answers according to His purpose? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one from whom He delights to hear? What does my prayer life disclose about my belief and confidence that the Lord hears my prayers? Do I have an active prayer life?

1 God hears prayers — *1 John 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.*

How much of my prayer life is effected by my confidence about being heard?

For what examples of answered prayer can I thank God?

2 I am promised that God will hear my prayer — *Psalm 6:9 The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.*

Supplication is intense prayer. Why is intense prayer necessary?

Why would the devil want me to mouth empty words when I pray?

3 I need to be prayerful — *Romans 12:12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer...*

What obstacles keep me from being consistent in my prayer life?

Which of my prayer requests need the greatest amount of attention today?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Matthew 15:1-20

Evening: Exodus 7, 8