

# January 24

## TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

**KEY IDEAS:** Do I recognize that God desires to show mercy to all? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one whose sins (even all past and future sins) have been forgiven? Am I as forgiving to others as God has been forgiving to me?

**1** **God desires to be merciful to all** — *2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

What evidence is there that men can resist God's desire and perish?

For what demonstrations of God's patience and mercy can I praise Him?

**2** **I am a recipient of God's mercy since my sins have been forgiven** — *Psalms 32:1 Blessed [is he whose] transgression [is] forgiven, [whose] sin [is] covered. 2 Blessed [is] the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit [there is] no guile.*

In what areas of my life do I have difficulty accepting God's forgiveness?

Why does Satan want me to resist accepting God's forgiveness?

**3** **I need to cultivate a forgiving attitude and show mercy to those that may wrong me** — *Romans 12:14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.*

Are there individuals that have wronged me? Who are they?

Whom do I need to forgive? For whom do I need to offer up prayer?

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

## OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Matthew 15:21-39

Evening: Exodus 9, 10, 11