

July 4

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that a thorough understanding and walking close to the Lord will keep me from despair? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one that He wants to give hope through patience and help? Do I recognize that God may not protect me from all trouble, but He will bring me through all trouble?

1 **God is our source of hope and strength** — *Isaiah 26:4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength....*

When has the Lord brought hope into my life and lifted me from despair?

What demonstrations of the Lord's power can I praise Him for?

2 **I am loved by God and have been given unceasing help and hope** — *2 Thessalonians 2:16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given [us] everlasting consolation and good hope through grace....*

Why do I need a God Who offers unceasing help?

Why does Satan want me to think that God will run out of patience?

3 **I am to rejoice in my hope in the Lord** — *Psalm 5:11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.*

When have I seen the Lord withhold protection and not defend me?

When have I seen the Lord intervene and protect and defend me?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Acts 13:1-25

Evening: Job 28, 29