

July 10

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that the Lord desires to comfort and strengthen those who are afflicted? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one that He will comfort if I open my life to His protection? Do I recognize and accept my role in allowing God to comfort and protect me?

1 **God is the source of comfort** — *Isaiah 49:13 Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.*

In what ways does the Lord comfort and strengthen people?

What examples of God's comfort and mercy can I praise Him for?

2 **I am protected spiritually by God on all sides** — *Psalms 5:12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as [with] a shield.*

What do I need to do to make certain that I'm where God will protect me?

Why does the devil want me to think that God is blind to the dangers I face?

3 **I am to be comforted** — *2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.*

How does this verse show that I control these things and let them into my life?

How could I mess up by thinking that I have no control over these things?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Acts 16:22-40

Evening: Job 41:42