

# July 16

## TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

**KEY IDEAS:** Do I understand that I am surrounded by a creation that proves God's existence and declares His power? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one to whom He has given the privilege to represent Christ to the world? Is my lifestyle consistent with the message that I am to proclaim?

**1** **God's works are to be declared for all to see** — *Isaiah 40:9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!*

What things can I learn about God from creation?

What examples of God's creative works will I praise Him for? (declare)

**2** **I am an ambassador for Christ** — *2 Corinthians 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech [you] by us: we pray [you] in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*

Why should I consider telling others about Christ a privilege?

Why does Satan want me to consider declaring the gospel a burden?

**3** **I am to pursue a lifestyle that is consistent with the message of the gospel** — *Philippians 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.*

In what ways does my life accurately represent the message of the gospel?

In what ways does my life undermine the gospel being spread?

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

## OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Acts 20:1-16

Evening: Psalms 16,17