

June 5

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that God is looking for opportunities to show me and others His favor? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one that is already seated in heaven in Jesus Christ? Do I show mercy to others in the way that the Lord has shown me mercy? Do I seek to promote justice and mercy with my actions?

1 **God is faithful, protects His promise and watches to show mercy —**
Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations

When has God shown me mercy when I was most in need of His favor?

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

2 **I am seated alive together with Christ as an expression of God's mercy —**
Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised [us] up together, and made [us] sit together in heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus....

In light of this verse, why is it important for me to see myself as God sees me?

Why does the devil want me to ignore the fact that I am seated with Christ?

3 **I am to pursue justice and mercy —** *Matthew 23:23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.*

What kinds of things do men focus on rather than justice and mercy?

What comes to mind when I read that Jesus spoke of justice and mercy?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: John 15

Evening: 2 Chronicles 23, 24