

# June 12

## TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

**KEY IDEAS:** Do I recognize that I cannot praise God from the grave for the things He's doing for me? Do I know I can't praise Him in the same way in heaven? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one that He expects to have confidence in Him? Do I understand that my confidence in the Lord is affected by my willingness to praise Him now?

**1** **God is to be blessed for His gift to men** — *Psalm 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men. 17 The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence. 18 But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.*

If my lips cannot praise God from the grave, when do I need to praise Him?

For what examples of God's power in His creation do I need to praise Him?

**2** **I am blessed since my confidence is in God rather than wickedness** — *Psalm 40:4 Blessed [is] that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.*

What evil things have I done thinking I could get ahead? Did I get ahead?

Why does the devil want me to think I can get ahead by dirty tricks?

**3** **I am to seek to bless the Lord by remembering and praising Him for what He has done** — *Psalm 134:1 Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD. 2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD. The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.*

Why does remembering God's works and praising Him build my confidence?

What things has the Lord done for me for which I can praise Him?

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

## OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: John 20

Evening: Ezra 3, 4, 5