

March 1

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I consider myself to be in a loving relationship with God? Do I see myself as God sees me, as His beloved friend? Does my life demonstrate fruitfulness? Can others observe Christ likeness in me?

1 **God desired to seek a bride** — *Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.*

What does the word picture of a bridegroom reveal about God?

What kinds of things has God decorated my life with that I can thank Him for?

2 **I am united with Christ that I should be fruitful** — *Romans 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, [even] to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.*

In what way is my life fruitful? What kind of fruit has been produced in me?

Why does the devil want me to collect Bible facts without acting on them?

3 **I am to seek to increase my effectiveness by the pursuit of character** — *2 Peter 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge.... 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Based upon this verse what result can I anticipate if I pursue character?

What Christlike patterns of behavior have been reproduced in my life?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Mark 7:14-37

Evening: Numbers 23, 24, 25