

March 28

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that God's kindness and mercy last longer than His wrath? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one to whom God prefers to show mercy and kindness rather than wrath? Do understand that I need to take definite steps to build my hope and confidence in the Lord?

1 **God's kindness and mercy exceeds His wrath — Isaiah 54:8** *In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.*

Why is it better that God's kindness and mercy exceed his wrath?

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

2 **I am the Holy Spirit's dwelling and His presence demonstrates God's intention to raise my body from the dead — Romans 8:23** *And not only [they], but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, [to wit], the redemption of our body.*

What hope does it give me to know that God will raise me from the dead?

Why does Satan want me to ignore my future and focus on my infirmities?

3 **I am to seek and build my hope in the Lord my Redeemer — Psalm 130:7** *Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD [there is] mercy, and with him [is] plenteous redemption.*

What evidence is there that my hope in the Lord is increasing?

What steps can I take to increase my hope and dependence upon the Lord?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Luke 4:31-44

Evening: Judges 4, 5, 6