

May 6

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that God has absolute power over the devil and that the devil can only bluff to influence my actions? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one who is thoroughly equipped to defeat Satan? Do I understand that doing good can neutralize the enemy's attacks and influence people to follow Christ?

1 **God exercises authority over Satan and he must obey Him** — *Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.*

What hope and confidence does it give me to know that Satan must obey?

What examples of God's deliverance from the enemy can I praise Him for?

2 **I am provided with weapons that can bring down demonic strongholds** — *2 Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)*

What things come to mind when it speaks of "the weapons of our warfare"?

Why does the devil bluff and pretend that I must obey him?

3 **I am to pursue good works in order to overcome evil** — *Galatians 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. (Compare Romans 12:21.)*

What things come to mind when it says "let us do good unto all men"?

How can doing good influence how people think about Christianity?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Luke 23:26-56

Evening: 1 Kings 21, 22