

# May 21

## TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

**KEY IDEAS:** Do I recognize that I have nothing to fear since God is more powerful than my enemies? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one that He has determined to defend? Has my love for God reached a level that makes me confident in the face of fear? Do I have an immature love God that leaves me tormented by fear?

**1** **God is more powerful than all my enemies** — *Nahum 1:6* *Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.*

Why is it useless for me to be afraid of others or to be paralyzed by threats?

What examples of God's deliverance from my enemies can I praise Him for?

**2** **I am defended by God** — *Psalms 118:6* *The LORD [is] on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? 7 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see [my desire] upon them that hate me. 8 [It is] better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. 9 [It is] better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.*

In what different ways do I need the Lord to be my defender?

Why does the devil want me to place my trust and confidence in people?

**3** **I am to pursue a mature love for God that will protect me from the things I fear** — *1 John 4:18* *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*

What does a mature love between individuals look like?

What evidence is there that my love for God is maturing? Or that is it immature?

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

## OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: John 7:1-27

Evening: 1 Chronicles 13, 14, 15