

November 1

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I understand that God even uses adversity and trouble to bring about his purpose? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one who may be called by God to go through suffering? Have I learned how to be happy and content no matter the circumstance?

1 **God planned beforehand that His Son would suffer — Acts 3:18** *But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.*

Since God has the absolute power to send His Son what hope does it give me?

Since Christ's death was always a part of God's plan, how should I praise Him?

2 **I am privileged to suffer the reproach connected with following Christ — Philippians 1:29** *For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake....*

How is suffering pictured in this verse as? As a penalty or a privilege?

Why does the devil want me to assume that suffering is a penalty for my sin?

3 **I need to recognize that I may suffer as I pursue righteousness — Matthew 5:10** *Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Am I able to be happy even when things all around me are falling a part?

Even when I am facing suffering, what things can I thank and praise God for?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Titus 2

Evening: Jeremiah 24, 25, 26