

November 12

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I ask the Lord to defend me from both physical and spiritual attack? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one who has the Holy Spirit to plead his case? If I expect God to protect me, isn't it fitting that I would seek to protect others?

1

God is my Defender and Deliverer — *Psalm 59:1 Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.*

If the Psalmist ""asked"" God to defend him, how do I get God to defend me?

What do I praise God for and by means of that praise make Him my Defender?

2

I am protected by Jesus Christ my advocate — *1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous....*

How is the devil limited in what he can do to me since Jesus is my Advocate?

Why does Satan want me to live in a state of guilt and self-condemnation?

3

As God required the Israelites to be honest and just, so I am to seek to be fair and protect the rights of others — *Exodus 23:6 Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his cause. 7 Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.*

Is there any falsehood in my life or do I exploit or take advantage of others?

What kinds of things could I do to protect others from being exploited?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Hebrews 9

Evening: Jeremiah 51, 52