

November 20

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: When it comes to hearing the needs of the poor, would it be good or bad if others were like me? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one from whom He loves to hear? Am I a good listener when God speaks to me through others? Am I able to hear the call for help from others?

1 **God hears the down and out** — *Psalm 69:33 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.*

For God to hear do I have to be either pretty, rich, intelligent, or athletic?

How should I praise God for accepting me and all who come to Him?

2 **I am heard by God** — *Proverbs 15:29 The LORD [is] far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.*

Will God hear me no matter what? What if I ask for evil things?

Why does the devil want me to think God has little desire to hear my prayer?

3 **I am to seek to hear the cries of the oppressed** — *Exodus 22:23 If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry; 24 And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.*

When have I heard of the needs of others and taken action to help?

Do I turn a deaf ear and a blind eye to the needs of the helpless?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: James 2

Evening: Ezekiel 14, 15