

October 1

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I believe that only good things happen to God's people? Do I recognize that God has a plan and purpose even in death? Do I see myself as God sees me, as having a definite role on earth and a destiny in heaven? If Christ lived in our generation what problems would He address?

1 **God is able to deliver from the bonds of death** — *Daniel 3:17* *If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.*

What lesson do I learn from this verse about God delivering me from danger?

When has God delivered me from danger that I can praise Him for?

2 **I am free from death's bondage** — *Philippians 1:21* *For to me to live [is] Christ, and to die [is] gain.*

How am I allowing Christ's character to be lived out in me?

What keeps me from being the kind of Christian in whom others see Jesus?

3 **I am to seek to help people who are oppressed in this life (as God commanded Old Testament saints)** — *Jeremiah 21:12* *O house of David, thus saith the LORD; Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver him that is spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.*

In this verse what role is expected of God's people (the righteous)?

How could I fulfill the principles taught by this verse in my generation?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Ephesians 4

Evening: Isaiah 11, 12, 13