

October 9

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I understand that my sins are forgiven, and they cannot be brought against me again? God forgives me how do I learn to forgive myself? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one in whom a greater power than the devil dwells? Do I also understand that showing mercy can win my enemies over and brings healing to my life?

1 **God is greater than our heart** — *1 John 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.*

Why can I be confident that God will overcome my guilt?

In what way does this verse give me freedom for which I can praise God?

2 **I am of God, and He is greater than all** — *1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

If God is greater, how is the devil able to trouble me and make me feel guilty?

Why does the devil want me to forget that God is bigger than all my problems?

3 **I am to follow God's grand scheme by overcoming evil with good** — *Proverbs 25:21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: 22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee. (Compare Romans 12:21)*

When have I ever shown mercy to someone who was hostile towards me?

Why is mercy effective in breaking down barriers between enemies?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Colossians 1

Evening: Isaiah 32, 33