

October 21

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Is God the first one to Whom I turn for help with my problems? Is the Lord the last one to Whom I turn for help with my problems? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one that is looking to Him for help? What interferes with my hoping in God for solutions to my problems?

1 **God is our light** — *Psalm 18:28 For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.*

What makes God the ultimate example of hope?

What things can I thank God for since they give me hope (light up my world)?

2 **I am given hope because the Lord gives me light to understand** — *Psalm 27:1 The LORD [is] my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD [is] the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

What fears have I been able to overcome with the Lord's help?

Why does Satan want me to live in a state of fear?

3 **I am to keep the light shining bright by pursuing the way of the Lord in purity** — *Luke 11:34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. 35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.*

In what, if any, areas of my life have I lost hope?

What things cloud my perception of the Lord as the source of hope in my life?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: 1 Timothy 1

Evening: Isaiah 62, 63, 64