

October 23

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I behave as a part of God's family? Do I place a high value on the relationship that I have to other believers (my family)? Do I see myself as God sees me, as His precious and true child? What is keeping me from experiencing all of the benefits that go with being a part of God's family?

1 **God is the source of spiritual life** — *Jeremiah 24:7 And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.*

What kind of commitment does God have to His spiritual descendants?

Since He's committed to His people, how should I praise God?

2 **I am born from on high and destined to enter heaven** — *John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

How does a person become a part of a family? How did I join God's family?

Why does the devil want me to ignore my new family and spiritual birth?

3 **I am to walk as a new creation and allow peace to be upon my life** — *Galatians 6:16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.*

What description are God's true spiritual descendants given in this verse?

What kind of work should God's true spiritual descendants perform?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: 1 Timothy 3

Evening: Jeremiah 1, 2