

September 3

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I understand that God is both a God of mercy and judgment? Do I see myself as God sees me, destined for mercy rather than His wrath? Do I realize that at times it is necessary to show mercy to those who don't deserve it?

1 **God will pour out His wrath in the future** — *Zephaniah 1:18* Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

What evidence is there that I am prepared for the Lord's return?

For what hope can I praise the Lord since He will punish all wickedness?

2 **I am delivered from the wrath to come** — *1 Thessalonians 1:10* And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, [even] Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. (Compare *1 Thessalonians 5:8-10*.)

What could happen if I'm confused about whether I'll face God's wrath?

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

3 **I am to seek to fulfill God's will by acting in love toward my neighbors** — *Romans 13:10* Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. *11* And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. (Compare *Leviticus 19:18* and *John 15:12*.)

How should my expectation that Christ will return affect how I live?

What do I do that shows that I believe Christ's return could be any time?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: 1 Corinthians 14:1-20

Evening: Psalms 140, 141, 142