

September 4

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that like a tender Father, the Lord watches over the helpless? Do I see myself as God sees me, as a part of His family and a citizen of heaven? Do I recognize that since God is interested in the helpless, I need to watch out for their interests?

1 **God is the champion of the helpless** — *Psalm 146:9 The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down. 10 The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.*

What does this verse teach should be the kind of things that concern me?

Considering God's intense interest in the helpless, what can I praise Him for?

2 **I am a fellow citizen and part of God's family** — *Ephesians 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God....*

What prejudices do I have that keep me from accepting some believers?

Why does the devil want me to harbor prejudice that is focused on others?

3 **I am to seek to protect the rights of the helpless** — *Jeremiah 7:5 For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour... 7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.*

How should I treat others since I know that Lord is watching?

How do I react to someone who is different? Do they see Christ in me?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: 1 Corinthians 14:21-40

Evening: Psalms 143, 144, 145