

# September 6

## TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

**KEY IDEAS:** Do I realize that God desires to show His mercy and grace to me? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one who He has purposefully raised up? Do I realize I have a responsibility to demonstrate God's favour and mercy to others?

**1** **God is merciful and gracious** — *Exodus 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth....*

How are my thoughts about God inconsistent with what He is like?

What examples of God's kindness and favor can I praise Him for?

**2** **I am a recipient of God's grace** — *2 Corinthians 6:1 We then, [as] workers together [with him], beseech [you] also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. 2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now [is] the accepted time; behold, now [is] the day of salvation.)*

What has God done in the past? Am I focusing only on the present?

What advantage will the devil gain if I ignore God's favor and grace?

**3** **I am to learn to be discreet (gracious)** — *James 1:26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.*

Why is it inappropriate for me to talk behind another person's back?

What damage can I do by being careless about what I say about others?

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

## OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: 1 Corinthians 15:29-58

Evening: Psalms 148, 149, 150