

# September 8

## TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

**KEY IDEAS:** Do I have my confidence in the Lord or is my hope focused on the things of this world? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one whose future is certain and firmly anchored in Jesus? Do I spend time rejoicing in the Lord?

**1** **God is our hope** — *Psalm 71:5 For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth.*

In what ways do I put my confidence in the Lord?

What examples of God's trustworthiness can I praise Him for?

**2** **I am an individual with hope** — *1 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, [which is] our hope....*

What evidence is there that I have confidence and hope about the future?

Why is it to Satan's advantage if I am fearful about the future?

**3** **I am to rejoice in the Lord** — *Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always: [and] again I say, Rejoice. (Compare Psalm 43:4-5.)*

Why would it be beneficial to rejoice in the Lord even in hard times?

Does rejoicing lead to feelings of joy or must I have joy before I can rejoice?

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

## OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: 2 Corinthians 1

Evening: Proverbs 3, 4, 5