

September 13

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I realize that God is exceedingly patient? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one upon whom He desires to demonstrate His favour? Do I understand that in order to experience God's love I cannot turn away from Him?

1 **God is gracious and merciful** — *Joel 2:13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.*

How can I be certain that God is looking to show mercy to me?

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

2 **I am destined to receive God's grace** — *1 Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ....*

What is keeping me from seeing examples of God's grace and mercy?

What advantage is it to the devil if I ignore God's actions and pity myself?

3 **I am to maintain my love for God while looking to eternity....** — *Jude 1:21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

How could prayer and praise work to help me experience God's love?

Is there sin I need to turn from that is keeping me from tasting God's love?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: 2 Corinthians 6

Evening: Proverbs 16, 17, 18