

September 18

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I realize that God desires to show mercy even to those who are not literal decedents of Abraham (Jews)? Do I see myself as God sees me, the object of His desire and mercy? Do I recognize the importance of showing mercy to aliens and people from different ethnic backgrounds?

1 **God loves the alien (Gentile or ungodly) — Deuteronomy 10:18** *He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.*

How does God expect me to treat strangers from other countries?

In what way does this verse give me hope for which I can praise the Lord?

2 **I am a part of God's ancient plan to pour out His grace upon all people — Hosea 1:10** *Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, [that] in the place where it was said unto them, Ye [are] not my people, [there] it shall be said unto them, [Ye are] the sons of the living God.*

Do I see myself as God's child? What impact should this truth have on me?

Why does the devil want me to think that I'm an afterthought in God's plan?

3 **I am to show God's compassion to those outside of Christ (in the same way the righteous showed mercy in the past) — Deuteronomy 24:20** *When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.*

In light of this verse, what kind of person does the Lord expect me to be?

What kinds of things can I do in my generation to apply this verse to my life?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

Evening: Proverbs 30, 31