

September 21

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I understand that God will defend His honor by punishing the mocker and rewarding the faithful? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one that He desires to cause to flourish and to make fruitful? Am I fruitful?

1 **God is not mocked** — *Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

How will I behave if I'm convinced God will repay careless behavior?

How does this verse give me confidence for which I can praise the Lord?

2 **I am promised spiritual growth and fruitfulness** — *Psalm 92:12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. 13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; 15 To shew that the LORD [is] upright: [he is] my rock, and [there is] no unrighteousness in him.*

Do I see myself as past my prime or am I looking for new ways to serve?

Why doesn't Satan want me to witness, serve the Lord, or help others?

3 **I am to become fruitful by pursuing a greater understanding of spiritual things** — *Proverbs 9:9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. (Compare 2 Peter 3:18.)*

How will continuing to study the Bible help me bear fruit?

How can I seek to incorporate God's help in making decisions?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: 2 Corinthians 13

Evening: Ecclesiastes 7, 8, 9