

September 23

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I understand that God is the God to those who are alive and exist beyond the grave? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one that will exist for all eternity? Am I living with eternity's values in view?

1 **God is the God of the living** — *Matthew 22:32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.*

How am I comforted to know that others may be dead but alive to God?

What hope do I have when facing death that I can praise the Lord for?

2 **I am caused to hope even in time of death because I will be resurrected** — *Psalms 49:14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling. 15. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.*

How does my life show that I believe that I will pass into eternity some day?

Why does the devil want me to only live for the here and now alone?

3 **I am to rejoice as one to be ransomed from death** — *Isaiah 35:10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

Do I only think of death with grief? What joy and hope does heaven give me?

What things can I praise God for that are a part of my eternal reward?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Galatians 2

Evening: Song of Solomon 1, 2, 3