

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

November 11-17, 2024

Monday:	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11	Psalm 129
Tuesday:	Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26	Psalm 130
Wednesday:	Ecclesiastes 3	Psalm 131
Thursday:	Ecclesiastes 4	Psalm 132
Friday:	Ecclesiastes 5:1-7	Psalm 133
Saturday:	Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12	Psalm 134
Sunday:	Ecclesiastes 7	Psalm 135

Weekend Reflection

We are embarking through the amazing book of Ecclesiastes! The “Preacher” uses the word “vanity” a lot in Ecclesiastes, and his aim is to describe the fleeting quality of our existence. The Hebrew word for “vanity” can also be translated as “vapor” or “breath.”. The Preacher is emphasizing how quickly life passes by.

It's Fall, and already on some cool mornings you can see your breath. It is a whisp, and then it is gone. This is how the Bible describes our lives. We are here for a moment, and then we are gone. This realization can be sobering, but it also brings clarity and purpose.

When we understand this, we stop looking for meaning in the temporary pleasures or successes of this life, but in our immutable God who is the same for eternity. He is no mere whisp.

That should motivate us to redeem the time and make the most of every opportunity; to love deeply, and live faithfully, knowing that our true home is with God and our true meaning is found in Jesus Christ. Lord, help us to number our days!

SUNDAY SERMON

The sermon for **Sunday, November 17**, is on John 5:25-29. Read this passage on Saturday night to prepare your heart for the preaching of God's Word.

Faith Groups

- Why is it significant that Jesus refers to himself as the Son of Man in this context? How does this title relate to his authority?
- Verse 29 mentions two outcomes: those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. How do we reconcile this statement with the concept of salvation by grace through faith? What role do our actions play in our eternal destiny?
- How does this passage challenge or affirm your current beliefs about Jesus' role in judgment and resurrection?
- What practical steps can you take to live in light of these truths?