

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

November 18-24, 2024

Monday:	Ecclesiastes 8	Psalms 136
Tuesday:	Ecclesiastes 9:1-12	Psalms 137
Wednesday:	Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20	Psalms 138
Thursday:	Ecclesiastes 11:1-8	Psalms 139
Friday:	Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8	Psalms 140
Saturday:	Ecclesiastes 12:9-14	Psalms 141
Sunday:		Psalms 142

## Weekend Reflection

Psalms 136 is a beautiful hymn of thanksgiving, reminding us of God's love. Each verse ends with the refrain, "His love endures forever..."

The psalm recounts God's mighty acts, from the creation of the heavens and the earth to the deliverance of Israel from Egypt. These are not mere historical events but also reminders of God's continuing involvement in our lives. Just as he led the Israelites through the wilderness, he guides us through our own challenges and trials.

Psalms 136 (and psalms like it) are great passages to help prepare our hearts for Thanksgiving. Whether we are celebrating in times of abundance or facing difficulties, we can find comfort and hope in the assurance that God's love endures forever.

Let this refrain remind us to give thanks to God, and not just for the blessings we receive but also for the steadfast love that sustains us through every trial.

# SUNDAY SERMON

The sermon for **Sunday, November 24**, is on John 5:30-47. Read this passage on Saturday night to prepare your heart for the preaching of God's Word.

## Faith Groups

- Jesus said, "By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me." What does this teach us about Jesus' relationship with God the Father?
- Why do you think Jesus emphasizes testimonies in this passage? How are testimonies helpful?
- What does this passage teach us about the relationship between mere knowledge (even knowledge of the Scriptures) and genuine faith?
- Discuss verse 44. Identify the "competing glories" and how glory can keep us from seeing and seeking God's glory?
- What have you learned from the Gospel of John so far? What have standouts been for you?