



# Weekly Devotions & Study Guides

## *“She’s The Cat’s Mother”*

### **Monday, November 9 Read Psalm 78:1-7**

We are generally uncomfortable with the phrase “fear of the Lord,” because it sounds negative to us. Yet it is vitally important that we begin our walk of faith by recognizing exactly who God is, lest we take God and His power for granted. Look closely at v.4-7. In your own words, what is the psalmist saying to us *today* and how are we responding? \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Tuesday November 10 Read Joshua 24:1-3;14-25**

With a limit to our time, resources and talents, each and every day represents an opportunity to answer Joshua’s question in vv.14-15. If we are truly grateful people, the choice should be pretty clear yet often doesn’t seem to be. Why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Wednesday, November 11 Read Amos 5:18-24**

Vv. 22-24 are particularly ominous here and seem to give us little reason to feel thankful. Yet look closer at what this tells us about God. God despises empty show and blatant hypocrisy. God demands both an understanding of justice and that we practice it (“let justice roll down...”). How different would our worship and our relationships be if God was interested in who was the flashiest, loudest and most socially approved? \_\_\_\_\_

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How is Amos’ description of a fiercely just, honest and passionate God a grounds for gratefulness on your part?

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Where is it a bit intimidating and why?

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### Sermon notes for

### “She’s The Cat’s Mother”

November 8, 2020

1. A **grateful** person is focused **outward**, appreciating what has been **given** to them.
2. Focusing on God’s graciousness **shapes** everything a disciple **does**:
  - A. It affects how we **understand** **ourselves** as **loved**
  - B. It shapes how we **treat** and **see** **others**
  - C. It directs the **goals** and **values** we set

**Thursday, November 12 Read Matthew 25:1-13**

As you reflect on this parable, what were the prepared brides happy and thankful for?

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What is Jesus trying to say about our own discipleship and our own source of appreciation and thankfulness?

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If Jesus were to come today, what would preparedness look like for you?

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In prayer today discuss with God how He wants you to be ready and how you can gain confidence and comfort that you are.

**Friday, November 13 Read Colossians 2:6-15**

We are, in a sense, empty vessels readily filled by many outside forces. Social pressures, material concerns, earthly pleasures and worries are just some of the many things that compete for our space, energy and time. Now look at v.10. List some of the ways Christ fills us and how they are contrary to the “empty deceits (v.8)” of the competing world.

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What makes them empty and how is Christ’s abiding presence a greater source for gratefulness?

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**Saturday, November 14 Read Psalm 28:1-9**

Try memorizing v.7 of this psalm which acts as the core of this passage. Meditate on the ways God is indeed a shield and strength for you and what He is a shield against. How do our lives (“with my song”) express our thankfulness and trust in God’s strength?

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In what ways does such an expression act as your witness to a lost world? Be as specific as possible.

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**An Exercise in Gratefulness...**

Take a moment and list 5 things, people or experiences for which you are grateful– i.e. which came to you as pure gift and not by anything you did yourself.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

*Now prayerfully consider some specific acts by which you can express your gratefulness both to God and to those people through whom these blessings came. What will you do?*