

A WEEKLY WORD

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Readings for the week of Nov. 6/22:

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalms 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

Things in this world are very different than they are in God's kingdom.

In Luke 6: 27-32, we are told about God's way of doing things. We read; *"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.*

Living and behaving according to this scripture is not easy.

Naturally, we want to follow our fleshly desires/our human nature. But, this model of behavior requires us to deny those desires and to follow God's ways.

This is not easy, but it is possible with the Holy Spirit's empowerment. Ephesians 1:13-14 says, *And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.*

As we become dedicated to living according to God's will, Matthew 6:10 will be fulfilled in, and through us.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.