

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



*glimpses
of glory*

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Blessing His Loyal Listeners, Jesus Starkly Warns Those Stubbornly Opposing His Message Luke 11:27-36

Jesus receives as family all who supremely treasure his Father's word.

***Luke 11:27** As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" **28** But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"*

Jesus's resurrection will be God's final sign before his judgment comes on a rebellious people.

***Luke 11:29** When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. **30** For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.*

***Acts 2:22** "Men of Israel...Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— **23** this Jesus...you crucified...**24** God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death...*

Two gentile witnesses will condemn Judea for its obstinate rejection of God's peerless Son.

1. An Arabian queen traveled thousands of miles to hear a lesser sage.

***Luke 11:31** The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.*

2. A violent city repented in response to terse preaching by a bitter foreign prophet.

***Luke 11:32** The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.*

Jesus warns of self-imposed darkness through stubborn rejection in the face of God's revelation.

Luke 11:33 "No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. **34** Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is [single], your whole body is full of light, but when it is evil, your body is full of darkness.

35 Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. **36** If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light."

John 9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ...**38** He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. **39** Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." **40** Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" **41** Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

Reflection/Discussion

1. What is your response to Jesus's blessing in verse 28? How does it motivate you in regard to God's Word?
2. Recall your first impressions of Jesus or the first time when God's love in Christ grabbed your attention. How has Jesus's life, words, and promises filled your life with light?

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