

How Well Do You See?

Luke 11:33-36 Sunday AM, October 26, 2025

Prelude – Scripture: Luke 11:29-36 (NASB95) As the crowds were increasing, He began to say, “This generation is a wicked generation; it seeks for a sign, and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah. 30 “For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. 31 “The Queen of the South will rise up with the men of this generation at the judgment and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. 32 “The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. 33 “No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it away in a cellar nor under a basket, but on the lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light. 34 “The eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye is clear, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is bad, your body also is full of darkness. 35 “Then watch out that the light in you is not darkness. 36 “If therefore your whole body is full of light, with no dark part in it, it will be wholly illumined, as when the lamp illumines you with its rays.”

What do you value as you come to take your place among the worshippers this morning? What goals do you seek to fulfill this morning? We’ve been talking about our values versus what God values. What could be more blessed than to be the mother of the incarnate deity? **Blessed is the womb that bore You and breasts at which You nursed.** While there IS a VERY special blessedness here, Jesus focuses elsewhere. **28 But He said, “On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.”** This means there is something even better than what you see as blessed, even at times when you seek to worship God. It also means YOU are BLESSED if you hear the word of God, submit to His means of interpreting it, and live inside it. This is so important, because if you don’t give attention to God’s words in a way that they direct your priorities and emotions, you will seek other validation for truth and life. Therefore, Jesus continues to correct. **29 As the crowds were increasing, He began to say, “This generation is a wicked generation; it seeks for a sign, and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah. 30 “For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.** He doesn’t accept their supposed interest by catering to what THEY think they need for belief, but shows them they missed His means of gracious revelation because they were looking for the wrong thing. 31 “The Queen of the South will rise up with the men of this generation at the judgment and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. Wow! condemned because wisdom was right in front of you and you didn’t seek it or listen to it. What a tough message to swallow. What’s the appropriate response? Lord, show me more of You. I want Your wisdom. Have you seen something recently from God that elicits praise from deep within? Can you remember any of His praiseworthy deeds recorded for us from days gone by? Sing the praiseworthiness of our God!

***Hymn #3: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

33 “No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it away in a cellar nor under a basket, but on the lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light. Light has come to us through God’s revelation of Himself. That light is to be seen, displayed, and lived. But what happens if you don’t see God’s light as light? **34 “The eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye is clear, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is bad, your body also is full of darkness. 35 “Then watch out that the light in you is not darkness.** You must not only give heed to God’s Word, study and meditate on it, but you must also be in prayer, dependent on Him and all His means for determining light or you will miss the light. Pray this song w me.

***Hymn #249: Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart *Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Jahn Choir: Sometimes a Light Surprises**

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:1–17 (NASB95) But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these. 6 For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, rejected in regard to the faith. 9 But they will not make further progress; for their folly will be obvious to all, just as Jannes’s and Jambres’s folly was also. 10 Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me! 12 Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. 13 But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Offering: *Doxology:

36 “If therefore your whole body is full of light, with no dark part in it, it will be wholly illumined, as when the lamp illumines you with its rays.” THAT is an amazing promise, a wonderful hope leading to security and a life worth living. Praise God that those truly born again can walk in the light of His revelation to us.

***Hymn (Powerpoint): Every Promise of Your Word**

You may be seated. Our II Timothy passage warns of all that would stand against focusing on God’s Word and His means of revelation and interpretation. **But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.** They are not just “out there,” they are “in here” always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. **8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth,** Where have you seen, interacted with any of this? Are you guilty of any of this? Antidote? Patterns of consistent living, following--**Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, and sufferings, . . . 14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.** Give careful attention as you move from Scripture to everyday life—careful because of our tendency to hear what want, to assume word instead of letting it light our paths. As Pastor Jahn prepares to speak, pray for willingness to submit to THIS kind of discipleship and care with God’s Word so you walk in God’s light.

***Hymn (Powerpoint): Bow the Knee**

Message: “How Well Do You See?” Luke 11:33-36 *Hymn #294: Set My Soul Afire *Prayer