

THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPONDING TO “THE LIGHT”

(Luke 11:29-36)

A. JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES’ A ‘PATTERN’ FOR PRAYER (Luke 11:1-4)

B. JESUS ENCOURAGES PRAYER WITH A PARABLE (Luke 11:5-13)

C. JESUS IS ACCUSED OF USING DEMONIC POWER (Luke 11:14-28)

D. THE SIGN OF JONAH (Luke 11:29-32)

1. Because He knew their _____ hearts, Jesus responded to His critic’s request for a sign that He was the Messiah with an emphatic _____! (v. 29a)

2. A “*sign*” was a confirming _____ which showed that the spoken message was true; it is clear that the crowds were _____ to believe Jesus’ words without external confirmation. (v. 29b)

3. The “*sign of Jonah the prophet*” can be viewed two ways...
 - a. *Luke’s emphasis*: Even the Gentiles of Nineveh _____ Jonah’s preaching of judgment and _____ without any miracles. (Luke 11:29b-30)

 - b. *Matthew’s emphasis*: Just as Jonah was three _____ and _____ in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth. (Matt. 12:38-41)

4. The Gentile Queen of Sheba traveled a long distance to hear the wisdom of a great king in Israel, yet Jesus’ generation had the _____ of _____ in their very presence and they volitionally _____ His words. (v. 31)

* What will the saved people of Nineveh do at the resurrection of OT saints? (v. 32)

E. THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPONDING TO THE LIGHT (Luke 11:33-36)

1. Verse 33 is a rebuke to the _____ Jews, who had the light but would _____ use it; whereas Christ preached the “light” to the world. (v. 33)

* How could this also be a warning to His disciples?

2. The clear or healthy eye represents the ability to _____ as it is, to “see” clearly, whereas the bad eye represents the inability to do so because of spiritual _____. (v. 34)

* Can a Christian corrupt or distort his/her own vision for Christ by sin?

3. The religious leaders thought they had the “*light*” of Jewish _____ within, and yet in reality it was “_____”; their vision was impaired by human pride. (v. 35)

4. If the Jews would embrace Christ’s teaching, they would be saved and _____, and be able to see things as they really are. (v. 36)

5. The contrast to this verse was if the Jews _____ believe the Messiah’s teaching they would remain spiritually _____ while stumbling about in the _____.

* How can you personally respond to “*the light*” today?