

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"Opportunity Knocks"**  
**Luke 11:29-36**  
**Study-50**

**Opportunity** - Is made up of two Latin words "*towards*" and "*the port*"

**Jesus challenges the crowd of people regarding the opportunity of receiving God's revelation (truth) that is being spoken before them.**

**The message of the Bible is really very simple: Luke 11:28 "Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it"**

**Our Passage Is Also Recorded In Part:  
Matthew 5:14-15; 6:22-23; 12:39-41; Mark 4:21; Luke 11:29-36**

**Luke 9:51-19:27 The Rejection Of The Son Of Man:**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "Revelation Brings Both Responsibility And Clarity But It's Truth And Effect Is Determined By One's Heart"

- 1. Verses 29-32 Revelation Brings Responsibility**
- 2. Verse 33 Revelation Brings Clarity**
- 3. Verses 34-36 Revelation Determined By One's Heart**

**1. Verses 29-32 Revelation Brings Responsibility:**

**Luke 11:29 As the crowds were increasing, Context** – immediate context Luke left off with Jesus responding to a woman that interrupted Him. **Luke 11:27-28**

Jesus had spoken about hearing and doing the word of God. **Revelation always demands a response - you can't remain neutral or unaffected.**

**As the crowds were increasing,** Jesus had just dealt with Satan  
**Luke 11:14-16**

**He began to say, "This generation is a wicked generation;** What did Jesus mean by this? **(Jesus is confronting the crowds' Unbelief)**

**Galatians 4:16 Have I therefore become your enemy by telling you the truth?**

**Ephesians 4:15 but speaking the truth in love,**

**The problem is one of spiritual wickedness and ungodliness, (Want Signs) they have witnessed the miraculous and heard His Words.**

**Verified Signs - Luke 7:22; Luke 16:31; John 3:2** Jesus mercifully reasoned with them **Luke 11:17-26**

**"Belief is a choice, an act of the will, not a convincing of the intellect." Unbelief is a sin, not willing to believe the truth!**

**Matthew 16:4; Mark 8:12**

**(Unbelief results in no eyes to see!) The Attacks of the Ungodly in Finding Fault with God's Revelation is Mere Smoke & Mirrors; 2 Timothy 4:3**

**and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah.** What was the sign of Jonah?

**Luke 11:30 "For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites,**

**"For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, (Gentiles) the sign was his Preaching, one that proved sufficient to the Ninevites; (Call to repent! These were pagans that repented, not Jews)**

**Luke 11:32 because they repented at the preaching of Jonah;**

**so will the Son of Man be to this generation.** Jesus was God's mouthpiece to the world. **Jesus became a sign**

**Matthew 12:40** God's Supreme Revelation was His message, and the Resurrected Christ

**So, Jesus by His resurrection and His coming again in Judgment will prove conclusively that He was the messenger sent by God.**

**Luke 11:31**

**Notice that the queen came to hear, the wisdom! because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon;**

**"The Queen of the South** She is called **"The Queen of Sheba"** (Gentile) southern tip of Arabia today Yemen  
**1 Kings 10:1-13; 2 Chronicles 9:1-12** distance (1000 miles)

**will rise up with the men of this generation at the judgment and condemn them, (Voices of the past shall be heard again in the future, for greater judgment)**

**This is a reference to the Day of Judgment. Revelation 20:11-15**

**Acts 17:11 examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so.**

**and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.**  
**Colossians 2:3**

**Luke 11:32 "The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment and condemn it,** another witness against these people on Judgment Day

**because they repented at the preaching of Jonah;** What was the preaching? **Jonah 3:4-5, 10; Jonah 4:1-4**

**Our lack of faith and our failure to turn away from sin will keep us from understanding and obeying God's truth, the fault is not with God.**

**and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.** (Rejection of God Himself) **1 Corinthians 1:30**

**Those who boasted of being God's people were rejecting God's Son.**

## **2. Verse 33 Revelation Brings Clarity:**

**Luke 11:33 "No one, after lighting a lamp,** lamps were made out of clay with a wick (scrap material) and olive oil was used for fuel. Light was precious.

**puts it away in a cellar,** no person is going to turn a light on in the cellar because they are not going to be there.

**nor under a basket, but on the lampstand,** this would be a basket that would be for carrying and measuring. You would not light a lamp or turn on a light to cover it up!

**lampstand** - *place of prominence to diffuse the light and maximize its usefulness.*

**so that those who enter may see the light.**  
**(Jesus' Presence/Truth His Word)**

### **Two Applications:**

- 1) Rebuke to the nonbelievers who refuse to come to the light even though it is so readily available

2) Reminder to believers that our purpose is not to conceal God's revelation, but to openly display it for others to benefit. We are to shine as lights in the world.

### **3. Verses 34-36 Revelation Determined By One's Heart:**

**Luke 11:34** "The eye is the lamp of your body; Eye - is the gate to by which the body receives help. **Psalms 119:130**

**when your eye is clear, your whole body also is full of light;** when our heart is single for God, we want to know the truth, we are willing to repent of our sins, **John 8:12**

**but when it is bad, your body also is full of darkness.** Heart that is self-focused that wants only what it wants even though God shows the deception of it! **John 3:20**

**(Good lights are of little use to bad eyes) Colossians 3:16**

**Luke 11:35** "Then watch out that the light in you is not darkness.

**A Challenge/The Moral Of The Story: "Then watch out**

We have this warning from Jesus to us about the light that is given to us. The opportunity placed before us!

**that the light in you may not be darkness. Light is no good if you are blind!**

**Samson** – "sunny" started in the light and ended blinded at a treadmill. **(Lust of the flesh)**

**Lot** – Started with Uncle Abraham but ended up drunk in a cave committing incest with his daughters. **(Lust of the eyes)**

**King Saul** – started out humble but ended up consulting a witch and then committing suicide. **(Pride of life)**

**Luke 11:36** "If therefore When we see "therefore" We ask what is **therefore," therefore?"** God graciously grants us light (Revelation) that we may see and then respond accordingly.

**There is no light or illumination apart from God.**

*"If the heart is truly receptive of light, it will receive light from the true light when it shines, that is from Christ" Affecting the way we act and live!*

**John 7:17**

## **Application:**

- 1.** We Must Be Men And Women Of Prayer. Confessing Our Sins And Asking Jesus To Keep Our Eyes Clear. Regular Confession, Asking God To Keep Us In The Truth.
- 2.** We Must Be Men And Women Of Contemplation. We Must Ask Ourselves, Is The Light In Me Actually Darkness? Make Every Effort To See That It Is Not.
- 3.** We Must Be Men And Women Of The Word Of God. We Must Approach The Scriptures With Expectancy Asking God To Shine His Light Of Revelation Upon Us.