

BATTLEGROUND: The Final Warning

LUKE 11:29-36

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The Merciful Warning Can't Be Missing in Your Mission:

1. See the Merciful Sign of the Greater **Prophet** (29-30, 32).

Luke 11:29-36 (ESV)
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. ³⁰For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.

2. Seek the Merciful Sign of the Greater **King** (31-32).

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.*

3. Secure the Merciful Sign of the Greater **Light** (33-36).

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.*

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. ³⁴Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. ³⁵Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. ³⁶If 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."*

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help your fight for life change. One of the best ways to grow in the body is by discussing the answers to these questions in a small group. Find one here:

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1. How would you describe the preaching of Jesus? How do His sermons compare to the method pastors in American Churches use today? Do you see much “toxic positivity” from preachers in America? Why is this kind of positivity toxic?
2. The Queen of the South sought to hear and understand Solomon's wisdom because she was enamored with Solomon's God. How could pursuing the knowledge of Christ be a helpful sign for someone doubting Jesus Christ or “on the fence” with their commitment to Jesus Christ?
3. **Read Matthew 4:12-17 and 2 Corinthians 4:6-8.** In verses 33-36, we get reminded that Jesus was the lamp or light to the world. In reading 2 Corinthians, we get an explanation of how the light of the gospel shines on someone. How does 2 Corinthians explain the process of salvation in detail and inspire passion and dependency in evangelism?

Quote for the Week. . .

by Richard Baxter



“Is it a small thing in your eyes to be loved by God – to be the son, the spouse, the love, the delight of the King of glory? Christian, believe this, and think about it: you will be eternally embraced in the arms of the love which was from everlasting, and will extend to everlasting – of the love which brought the Son of God’s love from heaven to earth, from earth to the cross, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to glory – that love which was weary, hungry, tempted, scorned, scourged, buffeted, spat upon, crucified, pierced – which fasted, prayed, taught, healed, wept, sweated, bled, died. That love will eternally embrace you.”