

Something Greater is Here

Luke 11:29-36 ▪ January 4, 2026 ▪ Nat Porter

1. An _____ Generation Is _____...

What It _____.

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2. The _____ And _____ Of Spiritual Perception:

The _____.

The _____.

3. A _____ Perceptive Person Is _____...

What It _____.

How It _____.

Luke 11:29-36

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. 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. 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. ³⁴ Your 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. 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." (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: Have you ever been in a situation where poor or insufficient light put you or someone else at risk? What do you think would be the most challenging aspect of losing your eyesight entirely?

Read & Discuss: Luke 11:29–32

1. Jesus associates an “evil generation” with one that “seeks for a sign” (v. 29). Based on Luke 11:16, what were they actually asking for, and why might demanding a *new* sign reflect a heart problem rather than a lack of evidence?
2. Jesus says that “something greater than Solomon” (v. 31) and “something greater than Jonah” (v. 32) is here. Thinking about the wisdom of Solomon and the prophetic warning of Jonah, how does Jesus’ life and ministry fulfill or surpass what they offered?
3. Jesus notes that the men of Nineveh and the Queen of the South responded to God with far less revelation than the people standing before Him (vv. 31-32). What does this suggest about the relationship between revelation and responsibility? In our modern context, how does having “greater light” (such as more knowledge and greater access to Scripture) change our accountability?

Read & Discuss: Luke 11:33–36

4. Jesus describes a lamp intended to give light to those who enter (v. 33). What would it mean for the purpose of a lamp to be “frustrated” or hidden? How does this analogy explain why some people looked at Jesus but still failed to “see” who He was?
5. Jesus explains that the “eye” is the lamp of the body (v. 34). What do you think the “eye” represents in our spiritual life? If spiritual blindness—rather than a lack of evidence—is the heart of the problem, how should that shape the way we should pray for our unbelieving friends? (See *Ephesians 4:18*)
6. Jesus warns that what someone assumes to be “light” may actually be darkness (v. 35). What are some specific things in our culture (or even in our own hearts) that we mistake for “truth” or “enlightenment” but that actually lead us away from God?
7. Jesus calls His listeners to “take care” (or “be careful”) how they see. Practically speaking, what does it look like to cultivate a healthy spiritual perception? How does this lead to a life that is “wholly bright” as described in verse 36? (See *Romans 12:1-2*)

Apply: What are some concrete steps you could take this week to pursue greater spiritual clarity and perception?

Pray: Ask God to open our eyes to see His glory more clearly. Pray for those in our community blinded by the lies of the world, that they would clearly see the light of the Gospel.