

“...blessed are those who
hear the word of God and
keep it!” – Luke 11:28



Keeping the Word of God

2nd Sunday of Tubah





A false sense of security

“Blessed is the womb that bore you...” (Lk. 11:28)

What is the danger of having a false sense of security?

“Because you say, I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked...” (Rev. 3:17)

A false sense of security

- What may give us this false sense of security?
- “If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?” (Jam. 2:15-16)



The Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

- "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet." (Lk. 11:29)
- How was Jonah a sign?
- *"The sign of Jonah served the Ninevites in two ways. If they would have rejected it, they would have gone down to Sheol alive like Jonah, but they were raised from the dead like him because they repented. Just as in the case of our Lord, who was set for the fall and the rising of many, people either lived through his being killed or died through his death...."* (St. Ephrem the Syrian)

Zeal

- “The queen of the South will rise up in 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 indeed a greater than Solomon is here.” (Lk. 11:31)
- “Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.” (1 Cor. 1:25)
- What efforts do I make in seeking God?





Repentance

- “The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.” (Lk. 11:32)
- “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” (Jon. 3:4)
- Do not delay your repentance
- “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” (Ps. 95:7,8; Heb. 3:15)
- “*Delay not your repentance, lest, by delaying, you increase your sins.*” (St. Jerome)

Focus on the Light

- “The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness.” (Lk. 11:34)
- “...Oh, when will You come to me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me. A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know wickedness.” (Ps. 101:2-4)

