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– Luke 11:29



Introduction

- “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!” (Lk. 11:27)
- “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!” (Lk. 11:28)



Finding Light in the Peril of an Evil Generation

And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, "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)

An Evil Generation It seeks a sign

- They want God to follow their request and order
- The way God should work ought to fit the mold I have created for Him in my mind.
- EX: Naaman the Syrian



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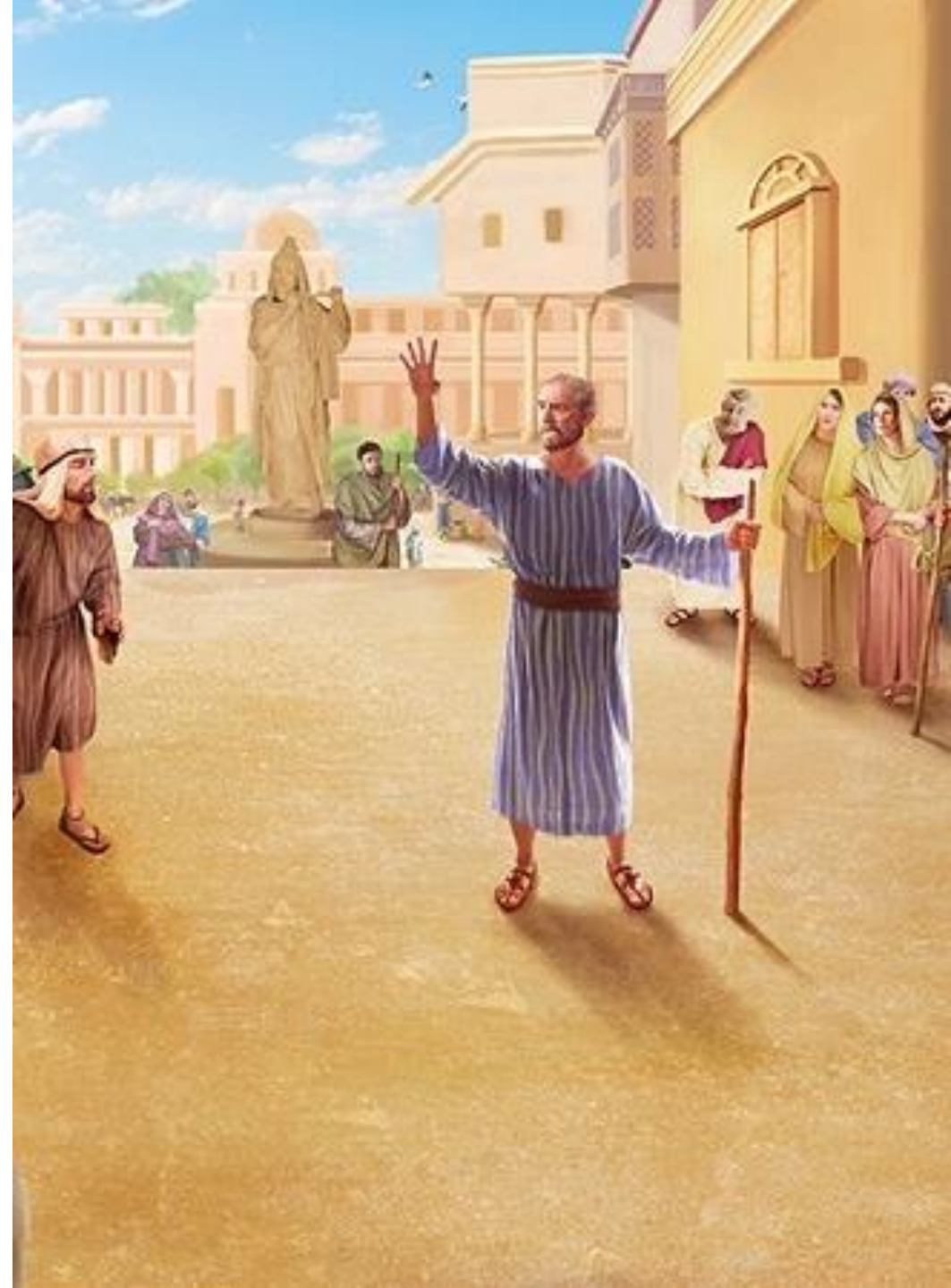
- Self-Deception
 - What they requested was publicly manifested at His baptism in the Jordan
- What signs did He perform?
 - Miracles
 - Teachings
- The Rich Man and Lazarus
 - And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'" (Lk. 16:30-31)



An Evil Generation

The Sign of Jonah

- “For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.” (Lk. 11:30)
- The words of Jonah were enough to stir the Ninevites to repentance
- An evil generation is one where neither word nor wonder are enough to drive them to repentance.
- A wise leader’s response averted death





An Evil Generation The Sign of the Son of Man

- “For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.” (Lk. 11:30)
- EX: Paralytic
- “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matt. 4:17)
- “...unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” (Lk. 13:3)

An Evil Generation The Shame

- They did not respond to what they already received
- Their judgement by non-believers
- “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. 32 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. 11:31-32)

The Warning

- “No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light.” (Lk. 11:33)
- Consider the light within you
- Watch Out!
 - “Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness.” (Lk. 11:35)
- Follow the example of the Ninevites and Queen of the South
 - Repent and bear fruits worthy of your repentance
 - Devote yourself to the truth and seek to be enlightened by Christ