

Steve Greenberg's Handout, Sunday 8:30 & 10, Feb 8, 2026

Week 28 Feb 08.2026: Luke 11:29-54 Light and Darkness, Woe's

Luke 11:29-32 Seeking a Sign (Mat 12:38-42)

Luk 11:29 And while the crowds were thickly gathered together (increasing in number), He(Jesus) began to say, "This is an evil (wicked) generation. It seeks a sign (The sign of Jonah refers first to Jonah's "three days and nights in the belly of the great fish and repentance), and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

Luk 24:46 Then He(Jesus) said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

Jesus resurrection

Act 10:40 "Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly,

Act 10:41 "not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

Act 10:42 "And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead.

Luk 11:30 "For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites (people of Nineveh), so also the Son of Man (a title Jesus used for himself) will be (a sign) to this generation (Jonah spent three days in the belly of the great fish and came out alive; Christ was resurrected three days after His death).

Jon 3:3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey in extent.

Jon 3:4 And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

Jon 3:5 So the people of Nineveh believed God (repented of their wicked ways), proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them.

Jon 3:6 Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes.

Jon 3:7 And he(king of Nineveh) caused it to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water.

Jon 3:8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.

Jon 3:9 Who can tell if God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we (people of Nineveh who believe) may not perish?

Jon 3:10 Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

**1Cor 15:3** For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

**1Cor 15:4** and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

**Luk 11:31** "The queen of the South (Sheba) 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 (but you refuse and reject wisdom and ask for a sign).

**Luk 11:32** "The men of Nineveh will rise up (stand up as witnesses) 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 (a greater the Jonah is here and you still refuse to repent).

**Luke 11:33-36** The Lamp of the Body (Mat 6:22-23)

**Luk 11:33** "No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place (cellar) or under a basket (as if to hide the light), but (instead lifts it up) on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light.

**Luk 11:34** "The lamp of the body is the eye (Your eye is a lamp that provides light for your body). Therefore, when your eye is good (healthy, clear, generous, spiritually alive), your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad (evil, unhealthy, selfish, spiritually blind), your body also is full of darkness (devoid of Gods truth).

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**Mat 6:22** "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.

**Mat 6:23** "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

**Jhn 3:19 (Jesus said)** "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved (a form of the verb agapaō, while agape is often associated with the divine, unconditional love of God, its use here and 2 Tim 4:10, shows that it can also describe a profound, committed devotion to something else, in this case, sin, darkness the world system.) darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

**Jhn 3:20** "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

**Jhn 3:21** "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

**Eph 5:13** But all things (all intentions) that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light (it is light of God that makes everything visible and clear, good and evil).

**Luk 11:35 "Therefore take heed (listen up! Make sure) that the light which is in you, is not darkness (do not be blinded by darkness).**

**Psa 119:18** Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.

**Pro 26:12** Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

**Jas 3:13** Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

**Luk 11:36 "If then your whole body is full of light (illuminated), having no part dark (no dark spots or corners), the whole body will be full of light (completely bright), as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light (like a floodlight filling you with light, bright rays of light)."**

**Luk 8:17** For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.

**Jhn 12:46** I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

**Mat 5:16** "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**Act 26:15** "So I(Paul) said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

**Act 26:17** 'I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you,

**Act 26:18 'to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'**

**1Cor 2:9** But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

**1Cor 2:10** But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

**Luke 11:37-44 Woe to the Pharisees**

**Luk 11:37** And as He(Jesus) spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him(Jesus) to dine with him. So He(Jesus) went in (that is, the Pharisee's home) and sat down (or reclined) to eat (without washing His hands ceremonially, as they all did and was required by Jewish custom, non-biblical tradition).

**Luk 11:38** When the Pharisee (**being the host**) saw it, he marveled (**was astonished, surprised**) that He(**Jesus**) had not first washed (**His hands ceremonially**) before dinner (**or lunch**).

**Luk 11:39** Then the Lord (**Jesus**) said to him (**Pharisee, the host**), "**Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean (as required by your strict tradition), but your inward part (within you) is full of greed and wickedness.**

**Luk 11:40** "**Foolish ones (self-righteous ones)! Did not He(God) who made the outside make the inside also?**

**Luk 11:41** "**But rather give alms of such things as you have (give gifts from your heart, acts of mercy and compassion, not as a public display, but as an expression of your love & faithfulness to God); then indeed all things are clean to you.**

**Luk 11:42** "**But woe (judgment is upon you) to you Pharisees! For you (self-righteously) tithe (required offering of ten percent) mint and rue (plant used oil) and all manner (all kinds) of herbs, and pass by (neglect or disregard) justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving (or neglecting) the others undone (the other important things).**

**Luk 11:43** "**Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seats (were facing the congregation or next to the scrolls of the law) in the synagogues and greetings (to be seen among man) in the marketplaces.**

**Luk 11:44** "**Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like graves which are not seen (unmarked, hidden), and the men (people) who walk over them are not aware of them (their corruption and evil deeds)."**

#### **Luke 11:45-54 Woe to the Lawyers**

**Luk 11:45** Then one of the lawyers (an expert in the Religious Law) answered and said to Him(**Jesus**), "Teacher, by saying these things You reproach (**insult**) us also."

**Luk 11:46** And He(**Jesus**) said, "**Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men (weigh men down) with burdens hard to bear (man-made rules, unreasonable requirements that you do not accurately follow), and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers (to help or lighten the load).**

**Luk 11:47** "**Woe to you! For you build (and repair) the tombs (monuments) of the prophets, and your fathers killed them (hypocrites, acting like you support Gods prophets).**

**Luk 11:48 "In fact, you bear witness (testify) that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they (your fathers, your followers) indeed killed them, and you build their tombs.**

**Luk 11:49 "Therefore the wisdom of God (God's predictions in the scriptures) also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill (put to death) and persecute (drive out or away),'**

**Luk 11:50 "that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation (God holding them accountable),**

**Luk 11:51 "from the blood of Abel (Cain & Abel, first book Genesis) to the blood of Zechariah (the priest, 2 Chron. 24:20–22, Hebrew order last of OT books) who perished (was killed) between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of (charged against) this generation.**

**Gen 4:8** Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

**2Chron 24:20** Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God: 'Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, He also has forsaken you.' "

**2Chron 24:21** So they conspired against him, and at the command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD.

**2Chron 24:22** Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but killed his son; and as he died, he said, "The LORD look on it, and repay!"

**Luk 11:52 "Woe to you lawyers (experts in religious law who the people looked to for advice)! For you have taken away the key of knowledge (Scriptural truths of God, God's plan of salvation). You did not enter in yourselves (to the Kingdom), and those who were entering (or trying to enter) in, you hindered (preventing them from entering, because of your self-centered interpretation of God's word and your man-made traditions)."**

**Luk 11:53 And as He(Jesus) said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to assail (oppose) Him vehemently (bitterly with hostility), and to cross-examine Him(Jesus) about many things,**

**Luk 11:54 lying in wait for Him(Jesus), and seeking to catch Him in something He might say, that they might accuse Him (they were plotting against Jesus).**

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