

Bible Study on Luke 11:27-54

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Verses included

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²⁷ And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. ²⁸ But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

²⁹ And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet. ³⁰ For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation. ³¹ The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here. ³² The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. ³³ No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light. ³⁴ The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. ³⁵ Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. ³⁶ If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

³⁷ And as he spake, a certain Pharisee besought him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat. ³⁸ And when the Pharisee saw it, he marvelled that he had not first washed before dinner. ³⁹ And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness. ⁴⁰ Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also? ⁴¹ But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you. ⁴² But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. ⁴³ Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets. ⁴⁴ Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them.

⁴⁵ Then answered one of the lawyers, and said unto him, Master, thus saying thou reproachest us also. ⁴⁶ And he said, Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers. ⁴⁷ Woe unto you! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. ⁴⁸ Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchres. ⁴⁹ Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute: ⁵⁰ That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; ⁵¹ From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation. ⁵² Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye

have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.⁵³ And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things:⁵⁴ Laying wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him.

In verse 27 we read what a woman in the crowd had to say but Jesus always brought the focus back to His main message. Whether it's to a group of Christians or to the lost the emphasis should be on the Word of God. The importance of getting out the Word of God is stressed in the next few verses.

All people from every part of the earth will one day give an account of what that did with this man Jesus and The Word of God. As a Christian it is harder to believe God never told someone or left someone out. I don't believe it, as the Bible says God is not willing that any should perish.

2Pt 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

They have been told and they'll be held accountable, and we are being held accountable to tell others. Verses 33-36 illustrate the fact that if you have the light of Christ in you, you will want to tell others. There should be a longing in our hearts for others to know the truth (Joh 8:31-36) and see them get saved. These verses echo what is said in Matthew 5:13-16 that we are salt and light in this world.

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

Yes, there are plenty that will reject it but it will be worth it to get just one.

Now, in verses 37-44 Christ is invited to dinner with the Pharisees. They are taken aback that Jesus didn't wash his hands. To the Jew they clung to the OT law ferociously to a fault, for they never really considered the point of the law and become fixated on the rules. It is so easy to do, and many Church goers can get stuck in legalism minus the love, compassion, and mercy that they should have. Christ boldly points it out to them calling them fools that they look great on the outside but He knew their heart and their deeds. He bluntly told them their judgments are corrupt, they aren't giving, and they do not show forth the love of God. It was a cold hard slap in the face with reality. It's hard to accept criticism as it's not our nature but they had to know what Jesus said was true. This is a lesson we all should remember as there is bound to come a time when we need that correction. As it says in the first part of **Proverbs 27:6 "Faithful are the wounds of a friend;"** and in **Proverbs 3:11-12 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: ¹² For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.**

Apparently the lawyers present didn't like it either for one stood up and confronted Jesus about it saying "Master, thus saying thou reproachest us also." He winds up getting an earful too being called out as a hypocrite with the rest of them. Jesus charges them with the murder of God's prophets which they

were just as guilty as their fathers were of doing. There isn't a lot in the Bible that tells how most of the OT prophets died but we do have what is written in [Hebrews 11 :36-38](#)

“And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; ³⁸ (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.”

Jesus even mentions Abel and Zacharias attributing the deeds to them, guilty by association with those that oppose God. Jesus pronounced “woe to them” both as a warning and a judgment yet they pressed him all the more to try and catch him out. How vain they were in their lives, and how vain in thinking they could find fault with the Holy Son of God.



As always I hope you enjoyed the lesson, may God bless you and your families. Please feel free to share it with others.