



Today's Message

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Title: *The Light of the World*

Text: Luke 11:33–36 (ESV)

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.”

Introduction: The previous text (Luke 11:27-32) laid out two possible responses to the message of Jesus and the consequence of each: true belief results in blessing; unbelief results in cursing. In today's sermon text, Jesus further explains this concept using two illustrations of light: a lamp and the eye. Jesus frequently used “light” as a metaphor for truth, in this case, the truth of the message he came to proclaim.

I. The first illustration, a lamp: The message of Jesus has a public purpose. 33

- A. Jesus proclaimed his message openly . . .
- B. for the benefit of all.

II. The second illustration, the eye: The message of Jesus has a personal effect. 34-36

- A. The effect of the message of Jesus depends on the nature of each person's "eye." 34
 - 1. It saves those who view it with the "eye" of faith. 34a
 - 2. It condemns those who view it with the "eye" of unbelief. 34b
 - 3. Therefore, be warned against unbelief. 35
- B. It changes everything for those who believe. 36
 - 1. If you fully embrace the truth of Jesus . . .
 - 2. he will enlighten every aspect of your life.

Today's take-home truth: Believe the message of Jesus that we proclaim; it will save you and change your life.