





On the road with Jesus

Luke 11-18: Seven Chapters to
Jerusalem

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Continuing a series from Luke

- The proclamation and growth of a Kingdom
- The determination of Jesus in his mission
- The human responses—both in and out of harmony
- Transforming teachings for all of us

What's coming up?



Chapters 11-18 have challenging content:

- Contrasts in values & authority (different rulers over us)
- Collections of ‘opposites’: ...heaven/hell; true wealth/poverty; health/sickness; vision/blindness...
- The ministry of the Holy Spirit and the evidence of miracles
- And especially—the need for preparation and watchfulness
- *These chapters highlight which Kingdom we are in...*

Chapter 11:1-32

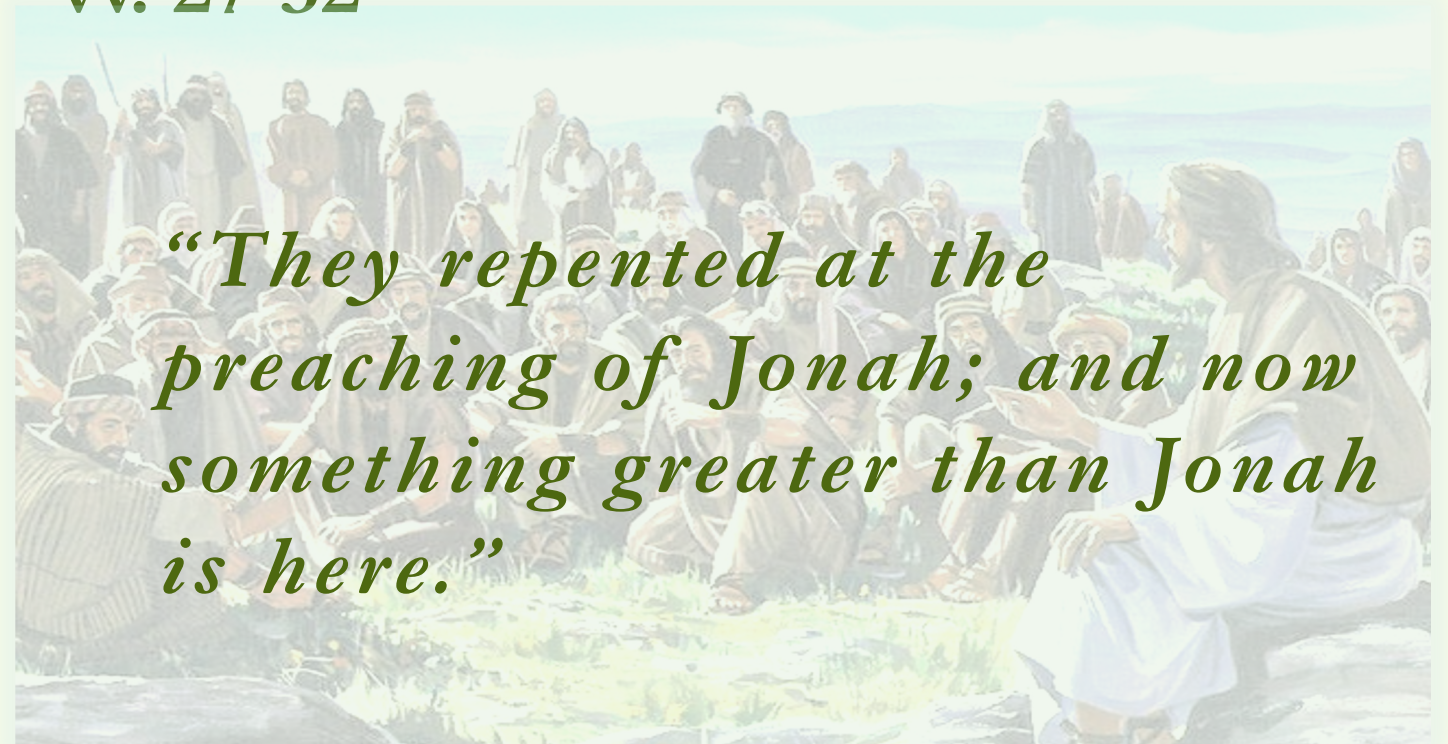
What comes out of the mouth
matters



Outline:

- Prayer as a lifeline vv. 1-13
- Loose lips lead us astray vv. 14-26
- Proclamation and preaching vv. 27-32

The first half of chapter 11 deals with different verbal realities from prayer to preaching



“They repented at the preaching of Jonah; and now something greater than Jonah is here.”

Luke 11:1-13

A. Prayer as a lifeline



11 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

² He said to them, “When you pray, say:

““Father,^[a]
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.^[b]

Footnotes for 11:2:

a) Some manuscripts: “*Our Father in Heaven*”

b) Some manuscripts: “*...come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*”

³ Give us each day our daily bread.
⁴ Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who
sins against us.^[c]
And lead us not into temptation.^[d]’”

Footnotes for 11:4:

c) Greek: “everyone who is indebted to us”

d) Some manuscripts: “...temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

A traditional ending comes from
Matthew 6:13... “...*for yours is the
kingdom and the power and the
glory forever. Amen.*”



What are the core
truths in this prayer?



The 'Lord's Prayer'
reveals the living
connections we
have with God

In this short prayer Jesus
affirms...

- God is our Father and he is in heaven
- His name and character is holy
- We are to desire his Kingdom to come
- He has an active will, not passive,
which we should reflect on earth

Before any personal needs, we are
challenged in our relationship with
our Father above...



In the 'Lord's
Prayer' the focus
begins with
God, and then
moves to us...

Our daily issues come next...

- Food because we're human. But Jesus affirms daily dependence...
- Forgiveness—also because we're human. Our challenge is to forgive others...
- Protection—from temptation, which reflects our powerlessness—and deliverance, which recognizes an evil adversary...

Jesus continues now with an application...

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’

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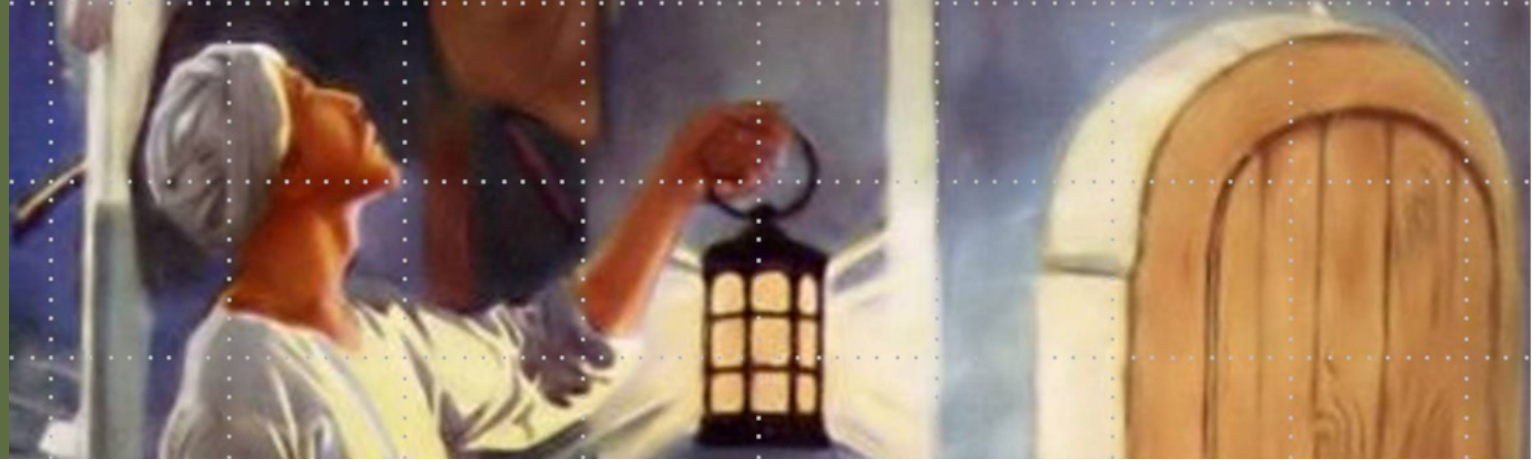
– LUKE 11:5



⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. ⁹ “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

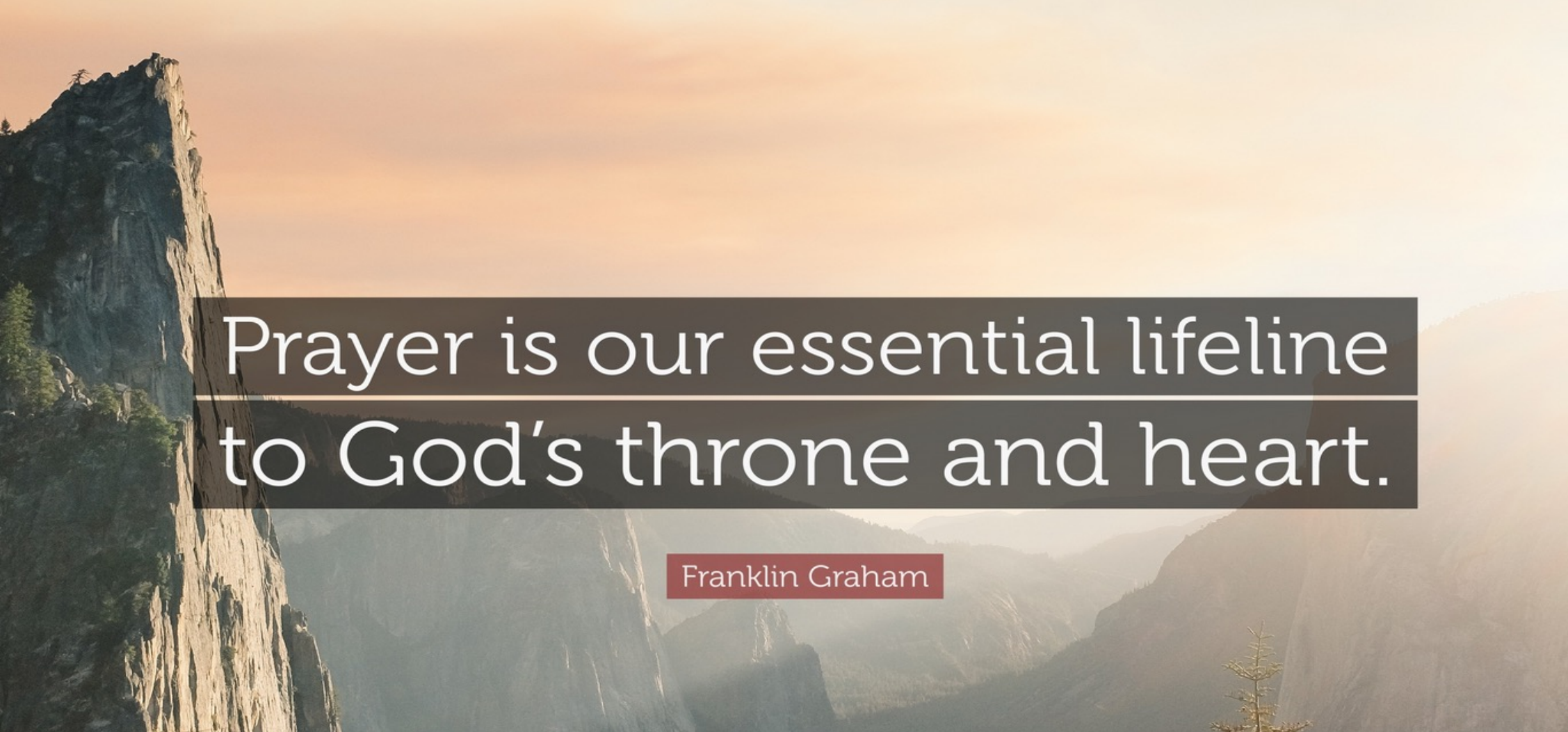
Does our Heavenly Father Care?



Jesus makes it very clear...

- A disturbed friend would help us!
- God wants us to Ask, Seek, & Knock! We should!
- We wouldn't give snakes or scorpions... God certainly won't
- God wants to bless us abundantly with his Holy Spirit!
- *Again, it's because we are in His Kingdom*

What a wonderful Father we call out to! Prayer is our lifeline.



Prayer is our essential lifeline
to God's throne and heart.

Franklin Graham

Now Jesus turns to a warning...

Luke 11:14-26

B. Loose lips lead us astray



- A stark contrast—from us being filled with the Holy Spirit to Jesus casting out a demon which makes a man mute...
- Accusers of Jesus are worse than the mute!
- Jesus warns those who are scattering, fighting him, accusing him...the outcome can be worse than the beginning
- *Let's look at the text...*

Again we see that what comes out of our mouth is vitally important

¹⁴ Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. ¹⁵ But some of them said, “By Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons.” ¹⁶ Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven.

¹⁷ Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: “Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. ¹⁸ If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand?



I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebul.
¹⁹ Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

²¹ “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe.



²² But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.

²³ “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.



²⁴ “When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ ²⁵ When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first.”



Words are a fountain that God (or evil) will use—we are to guard our tongues!

The danger of careless words...

- The evil spirit prevented speech
- *Isaiah 35:6 prophesies the mute shouting for joy!*
- In Matt. 7:36 the healed mute man kept telling everyone...
- Careless words bring bonds that only Jesus can break...
- Who would oppose Jesus?

Even though the people see the miracles, some foolishly accuse Jesus

Luke 11:27-32
C. Proclamation
& Preaching

Blessed rather are those
who hear the word of
God and obey it.

- Thirdly, we're going to see the Holy Spirit inspired Luke to arrange another section **on the tongue**
- We have here a woman, a crowd, a prophet, a Queen, a King, a city, and Jesus... there's more than meets the eye!
- *Let's look at the text...*

**What comes
out of our
mouths,
and what
we listen to
is key!**

²⁷ As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, “Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.”

²⁸ He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”

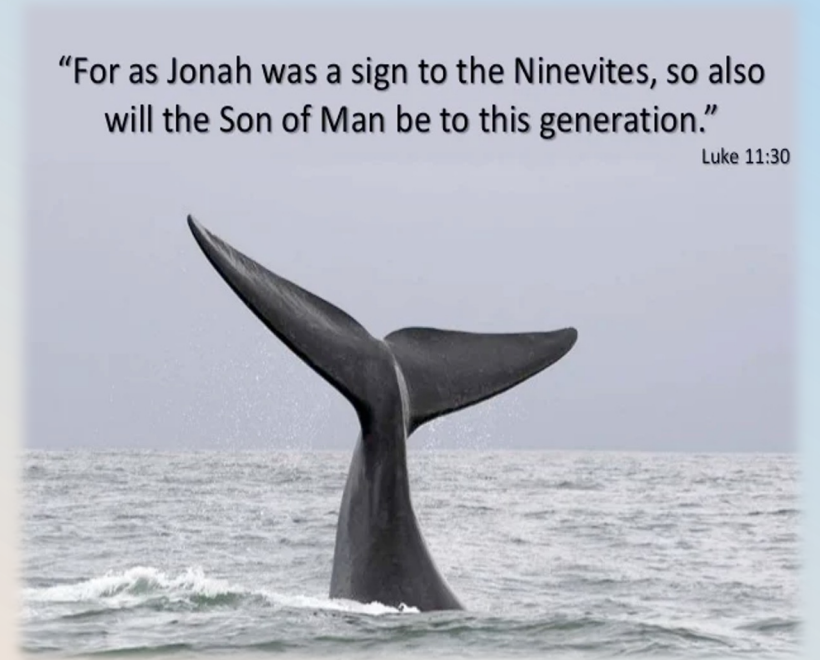
The Sign of Jonah

²⁹ As the crowds increased, Jesus said, “This is a wicked generation. It asks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah.

³⁰ For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be to this generation.

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Luke 11:30



³¹ The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom; and now something greater than Solomon is here.

Proclaiming & Preaching
(and listening):

A woman in the crowd...

Jonah and the Ninevites...

The Queen of Sheba and
Solomon...



³² The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and now something greater than Jonah is here.



**Jesus and the Judgement
assembly...**

*In all cases there is speaking
and listening – how did they
respond?*

A landscape photograph of a field at sunset. In the foreground, there is a field of tall, dark grass. In the middle ground, a person's silhouette is visible, standing with their back to the camera, looking out over the field. The background shows a vast, open field under a sky with a warm, orange glow from the setting sun. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Conclusions & Takeaways

What have we learned?



Chapters 11:1-32 highlights two Kingdoms in opposition

- It begins with prayer to our Father and ends at the Judgment...
- Our mouths reveal our allegiance – some call out to God, others accuse him.
- Jesus frees the mute and warns us to take heed.
- *The witnesses in this chapter are many...*



As we journey with Jesus towards Jerusalem...
...we shall see the light and darkness of the two
Kingdoms once again...



Let's walk and talk with God
today

MAY GOD BLESS
YOU

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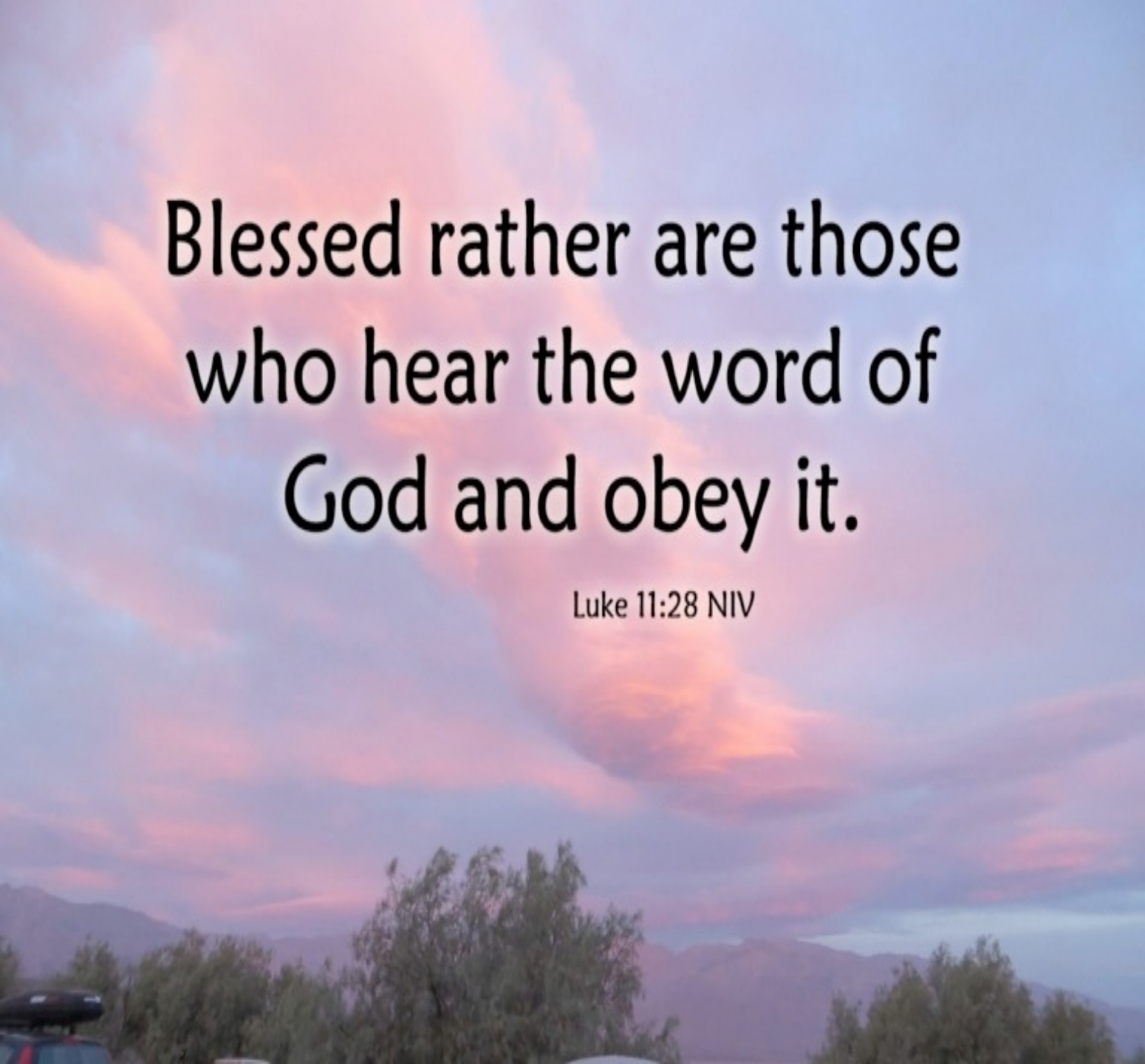
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