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- I. What are your prerequisites for faith? (29-32)
 - A. Asking for a sign ... is a demonstration of little faith.
 1. The Gentiles believed Jonah's reluctant preaching.
 2. The Queen of the South traveled a long distance to hear Solomon's wisdom.
 - B. The faithful are a witness against the faithless.
 1. Faith leads to repentance.
 2. The 'Gentiles' listened, believed, and repented.
 3. Now, someone greater is here!
- II. Faith transforms us from within. (33-36)
 - A. Purpose of a lamp.
 - B. Your 'eye' is the lamp of your body.
 1. Good eyes = a body full of light.
 2. Bad eyes = a body full of darkness.
 - C. Your goal ... "See to it ... light within you is not darkness."
- III, Application:
 - A. Three men ... started in the light and ended in darkness:
 1. Sampson – a Judge who led Israel died as a blind slave ("lust of the flesh") (Judges 16)
 2. Lot – began with Abraham and ended as a drunk in a cave (Gen. 19:30-38)
 3. King Saul – began as a humble leader and died of suicide (I Samuel 31) after consulting a witch (I Sam. 28)
 - B. Three ... who started in the darkness and ended in the light.
 1. Saul/Paul – began as a blind Pharisee and ended as the greatest church planter who ever lived.
 2. John Newton — began as a 'wretch,' lost, and blind (spiritually) and ended saved by God's amazing grace, found, and possessing spiritual sight.
 3. _____ began _____

Ended _____

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P: ¹Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

C: ²**Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

P: ³Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

C: ⁴**Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.**

P: ⁵For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Hymn No. 381 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth
Thou hast for me; place in my hands
the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God,
Thy will to see; open my eyes—illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth
Thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes
fall on my ear, ev'rything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God,
Thy will to see; open my ears—illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth
ev'rywhere. Open my heart and let me prepare –
love with Thy children thus to share. Silently now
I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
open my heart—illumine me, Spirit divine!

*Invocation

Scripture Reading Luke 11:29-36

²⁹ As the crowds increased, Jesus said, “This is a wicked generation.

It asks for a miraculous 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. ³¹ The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon’s wisdom, and now one greater than Solomon is here. 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 one greater than Jonah is here.

³³ “No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead he puts it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light. ³⁴ Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are bad, your body also is full of darkness. ³⁵ See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness. ³⁶ Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be completely lighted, as when the light of a lamp shines on you.”

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Verse 1

As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee

Chorus

You alone are my strength my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

Verse 2

You're my friend, And You are my brother,
Even though You are a King, I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything

Chorus

Verse 2

I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver, And the apple of my eye

Chorus

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My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine;
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O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

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Refrain: *On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand*

All other ground is sinking sand;

All other ground is sinking sand.

*Postlude