



Part 4: The Repentance of a Runaway

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Review Last Message

Irony Summary of Chapter 3:1-3: God's Word had to come to Jonah a second time. A prophet was sent to the enemies of Israel. Nineveh was important to God.

1. God's Persistence
2. God's Promise
3. God's Perspective

The Point: God loves all people and desires right relationship with them!

1. THE UNSURPRISING MESSAGE

Jonah 3:4 (ESV)- Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

Ecclesiastes 3:17 (ESV)- I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work.

Word Study: Hepak (הפך)-to turn; to overturn; to overthrow; to demolish; to change; to turn around

2. THE SURPRISING RESPONSE

Belief

Jonah 3:5 (ESV)- And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

Repentance

Jonah 3:6-8a (ESV)-The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God.

Receives the Word, Relinquishes Control, Removes Identity, Responds Humbly, Reacts Emotionally, Reaches for God.

Revival

Jonah 3:8 (ESV)- but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.

Word Study: Shōb (שׁוּב)- to turn, return

3. THE SURPRISING PARDON

Jonah 3:9 (ESV)- Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

Jonah 3:10 (ESV)- When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Isaiah 30:18 (ESV)-Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him

Life Application Section

See the Need For Repentance (Jonah 3:6, Romans 3:23, 1 John 1:9)

Find Peace in Repentance (Jonah 3:10, Isaiah 43:25, Acts 3:19)

Here is the Point: God responds to a repentant heart!