

“Preaching of Jonah” (Jonah 3:1-10)

Intro: Jesus’ use of Jonah in His teaching. - Matthew 12:39–40

I. God repeats His orders to Jonah v1-2 _____

Jonah 3:1–2 — ¹“Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and proclaim to it the proclamation which I am going to tell you.”

II. Obedience of Jonah-

Jonah 3:3 “So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three days’ walk.”

A. What detail are we given about Nineveh v3? _____

B. What was significant about Jonah’s message?

Jonah 4 “Then Jonah began to go through the city one day’s walk; and he cried out and said, “Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown.”

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| 1. Length? | Content? | Impact? |
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III. Reaction of the Ninevites:

A. What three things did the people of Nineveh do in response to God’s word? _

Jonah 5-7 ⁵Then the people of **Nineveh believed in God**; and they called a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them. ⁶When the word reached the **king of Nineveh, he arose from his throne, laid aside his robe from him, covered himself with sackcloth and sat on the ashes.** ⁷**He issued a proclamation** and it said, “In Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let man, beast, herd, or flock taste a thing. Do not let them eat or drink water.

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B. **Lesson:** What lesson can leadership learn from this King?

1. How did this King set and example for the common people?

Jonah 3:8 “But both man and beast must be covered with sackcloth; and let men call on God earnestly that each may turn from his wicked way and from the violence which is in his hands. ⁹“Who knows, God may turn and relent and withdraw His burning anger so that we will not perish.”

2. How did Jesus contrast the example of this King for the Jewish leaders? **Mat. 12:41**

3. What kind of application do we have here for believing parents?

IV. God’s response:

A. What two things did God do in verse 10? _

Jonah 3:10 “When **God saw their deeds**, that they turned from their wicked way, then **God relented** concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it.”

1. **God** _____ - **Psalm 51:17**
2. **God** _____ – **Rev 2:5** repentance always has some form of positive deeds.