

Jonah

Part Four - Chapter 3

Jonah 3: 1 - 3

1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 “Arise, **go to Nineveh**, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” 3 **So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh**, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth.

Jonah 3: 4 - 5

4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" 5 **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.

Abraham

1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." 4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." 5 And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." (Genesis 15)

Abraham believed

**6 And he believed the
LORD, and he counted it
to him as righteousness.
(Genesis 15)**

Romans 4

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? **“Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”**

The King's Response

6 The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

The King's Directive

7 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, 8 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.

The King's Hope

9 Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

God's Response

10 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.

Repent

to turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life

- to feel regret or contrition
- to change one's mind

Repentance – Jonah 2

7 When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. 8 Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. 9 But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!”

Jonah Delivered

2:10 And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

We like it for ourselves

But not so much for others

Jonah was no exception

4:1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly,
and he was angry.