

# Jonah 3

## God is Gracious

Jonah was far from God's will and deep in disobedience.

But when Jonah cried out to God and repented, God heard Jonah.

### V1-2 Forgiveness

- a. God did not give up on Jonah
- b. God forgave Jonah
- c. God restored Jonah

Jonah 3:3 Jonah arose & went to  
Nineveh

3:3 vs 1:3

Jonah 1:3 Jonah went out from POTL

Gen 3:8 Adam and Eve went from POTL

Gen 4:16 Cain went out from POTL

Job 1:12 Satan went out from POTL

John 13:28-30 Satan entered Judas and  
Judas went out from POTL

The only basis for God blessing us is His grace.

If God's blessing were based on our goodness, no one would be blessed.

Jonah may have given up on God,  
But God did not give up on Jonah.  
And God won't give up on you.

V4 Yet 40 days Ninevah overthrown

June 15, 763 BC- Nineveh had an eclipse linked to a divine omen

V5- The people of Nineveh believed in God and repented.

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Isaiah 58: Israel fasted, and God did not accept it. Israel asked why? God answered, “you put on sackcloth and slept in ashes, but remained rebellious & violent. I require a fast that includes helping the oppressed, clothing the naked, bringing the stranger into your home, this is the fast I require”.

V6-8 Assyria's repentance was directly due to Jonah's obedience.

When a nation repents and turns to God, then God will bless that nation.

Psalm 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD

# Nineveh repented

1:4-5 Jonah's disobedience (3 verbs)  
became afraid, cried in fear, put off  
cargo

3:5 Nineveh's obedience (3 verbs)  
believed God, called a fast, put on  
sackcloth

Great revival- Ashur-dan III.

The next king, Ashur-narari IV, had a reign marked with internal division.

He went back to old ways of sin.

The Assyrians eventually returned to polytheism and violence.

Matt. 12:41 The men of Nineveh will rise in judgment of this generation and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; behold, a greater than Jonah is here.

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70 Christian families still exist in Mosul, Iraq

V8- Both man and beast will repent and fast. Our sin caused all creation to fall.

V9- Repentance understands that God does not have to forgive us.

Forgiveness relies on God's grace.

3:9 Who knows? Maybe God will relent.

1:6 Captain-Maybe God will relent.

Micah 6:8 God has shown you, O man,  
what is good; and what does the  
LORD require of you, but to do justly,  
and to love mercy, and to walk humbly  
with your God?

God requires justice, and He loves  
mercy.

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Exodus 34:6 The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in loving kindness and truth.

Psalm 103:6-18

The LORD is a God of love & redemption. His message to His people is that we are to bring others into a relationship with Him