

# JONAH

A Study about the Heart of Man  
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## Jonah Goes to Nineveh

### The Greatest Revival Ever

Jonah 2:10-3:10

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### Review from Last Week

1. Jonah *finally* calls out to God.
2. Jonah realized that only God can help—*only He can save*.
3. Jonah realized that his sin created his dilemma.
4. Jonah realized that God will stop at nothing to get your attention.
5. Jonah realized that you must recommit to God's will—*not yours*.
6. God cares *when* your heart says "yes" to His will.



## Jonah *finally* goes to Nineveh

### A. Jonah's Clemency

Jonah 2:10, HCSB -<sup>10</sup> Then the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

### B. Jonah's Commission

Jonah 3:1-4, HCSB -<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> "Get up! Go to the great city of **Nineveh** and preach the message that I tell you..." <sup>4</sup> Jonah set out on the first day of his walk in the city and proclaimed, "In 40 days **Nineveh** will be demolished!"

### C. Nineveh's Confession

Jonah 3:5-9, HCSB -<sup>5</sup> The men of **Nineveh** believed in God. They proclaimed a fast and dressed in sackcloth—from the greatest of them to the least. <sup>6</sup> When word reached the king of Nineveh...he issued a decree in Nineveh: By order of the king and his nobles: No man or beast, herd

or flock, is to taste anything at all. They must not eat or drink water. <sup>8</sup> Furthermore, both man and beast must be covered with sackcloth, and everyone must call out earnestly to God. Each must turn from his evil ways and from the violence he is doing. <sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may turn and relent; He may turn from His burning anger so that we will not perish.

### D. God's Compassion

Jonah 3:10, HCSB -<sup>10</sup> Then God saw **their** actions—that they had turned from their evil ways —so God relented from the disaster He had threatened to do to them. And He did not do it.

## JONAH - Life Application Section

### 1. God's Word is our standard for all things.

Jonah 3:1-4, HCSB -<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time...

**Warning:** Holy God does not always give second chances.

### 2. Obedience to God is always important.

1 Samuel 15:22, CEV – Does the Lord want just sacrifices and offerings? No! He doesn't just want your sacrifices. He wants you to obey Him.

### 3. Obedience to God is not always easy.

Jonah 3:1-4, HCSB -<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> "Get up! Go to the great city of **Nineveh** and preach the message that I tell you..."

### 4. Obedience to God is simple, in some ways.

Jonah 3:1-4, HCSB -<sup>2</sup> "Get up! Go...

### 5. Obedience to God produced eternal results.

Jonah 3:5, HCSB -<sup>5</sup> The men of **Nineveh** believed in God.

### 6. Obedience to God allows us to see His greatness.

Jonah 3:10, HCSB -<sup>10</sup> Then God saw [Heb: רָאָה (rā-ah) Qal consec.-imperf. verb, lit., He already saw (before it happened) and saw (now that it had happened)] **their** actions—that **they** had turned from their evil ways —so God relented from the disaster He had threatened to do to them. And He did not do it.



God cares where your heart says "yes" to His will!