

From Rebellion to Revival

Everyone must call out earnestly to God. Each must turn from his evil ways. Jonah 3:8

Text: Jonah 3

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Topics: Repentance, Contrition

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Supplemental Texts: See below

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Revival will require you to...

- 1) _____ over your sins (vs. 1-6) (Contrition)
 - a. Revival requires a change in our hearts known biblically as contrition. As the scriptures teach, God will “revive the heart of the contrite ones” (Isaiah 57:15). To be contrite is to be broken, crushed into little pieces, free from rebellion or resistance. In scripture, a contrite heart or spirit is related to a broken heart (Psalm 34:18) or spirit (Psalm 51:17) and a humble spirit (Isaiah 57:15).
 - b. James 4:8-9 (HCSB) Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, double-minded people! Be miserable and mourn and weep. Your laughter must change to mourning and your joy to sorrow.

- 2) Step down from your _____ (vs. 6) (Submission)
 - a. Philippians 2:10-11 (HCSB) so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow— of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth— and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- 3) _____ your evil ways (vs. 6-8) (Repentance)
 - a. Baptist Faith and Message 1925 – “We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger, and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest, and King, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Saviour.”
 - b. Baptist Faith and Message 1963&2000 – “Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God.”

- 4) Stand in his _____ (vs. 9-10) (Salvation)
 - a. Psalm 103:11-13 (HCSB) For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His faithful love toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message.

- 1) What did God command Jonah to do? (3:1-2)
- 2) How did Jonah respond to God's instructions? (3:3)
- 3) What did Jonah tell the Ninevites? (3:4)
- 4) How did the people respond to Jonah's message? (3:5)
- 5) What did the king do? (3:6)
- 6) What did the king decree? (3:7-9)
- 7) What action did God take? (3:10)
- 8) When have you experienced a surprising, undeserved measure of God's mercy in your life?
- 9) Why do you think that fasting might be a useful part of repentance?
- 10) In your view, which culture, nation, or special interest group is undeserving of God's mercy?
- 11) What is one way you can extend God's love and mercy toward others, particularly those who don't deserve it?

Where is Jesus in Jonah 3?

Jesus is in every chapter of the Old Testament in some way. Here are some examples of how to see Jesus in this Chapter:

- 1) **3:4** The men of Ninevah repented at the preaching of Jonah, and one greater than Jonah has come and preached that all should repent. (Matthew 12:41; Luke 11:32)
- 2) **3:5** Gentiles repent in response to the preaching of Jonah, who figuratively has been raised from the "death" of the belly of the fish. Gentiles repent in response to the preaching of the resurrection of Christ (Matt. 28:19-20)
- 3) **3:9-10** Just as God turned his wrath away from the repenting Ninevites, he turns his wrath away from all who will repent of their sins and trust in Jesus. (John 3:36; Romans 10:13; Romans 8:1)