

THE BOOK OF JONAH

The Pathway to Deliverance

JONAH 3:1-10 ♦ LORD'S DAY 19 ♦ 05.08.22 ♦ PASTOR BOB JOHNSON

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The God of second chances. [3:1-2]

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The significance of believing the message. [3:3-5]

Jonah proclaimed, "In forty days Nineveh will be demolished!" **Then the people of Nineveh believed God**. They proclaimed a fast and dressed in sackcloth—from the greatest of them to the least.

God desires deliverance, not destruction.

Extreme repentance. [3:7-9]

No person or animal, herd or flock, is to taste anything at all. They must not eat or drink water. Furthermore, both people and animals must be covered with sackcloth, and everyone must call out earnestly to God. **Each must turn from his evil ways**. **Who knows?** God may turn and relent; he may turn from his burning anger so that we will not perish.

When Nineveh relented, God relented. [3:10]

God saw their actions—that they had turned from their evil ways—**so God relented** from the disaster he had threatened them with. And he did not do it.

Exodus 34:6-7

The Lord—the Lord is a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in faithful love and truth, maintaining faithful love to a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But he will not leave the guilty unpunished, bringing the consequences of the fathers' iniquity on the children and grandchildren to the third and fourth generation.

Jesus: Matthew 12:41

The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at Jonah's preaching; and look—something greater than Jonah is here.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord does not delay his promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance.

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