



Sermon Title: "Revival in Nineveh"

Scripture: Jonah 3

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INTRODUCTION

Truth #1 - God shows compassion towards and pardons those who repent!

"Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon HIM while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that HE may have compassion on him, and to our God, for HE will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:6-7)

Truth #2 - God's ways are NOT our ways.

"For My thoughts are NOT your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are MY WAYS ways higher than your ways and MY THOUGHTS than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9)

Truth #3 - God's word is POWERFUL.

*"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, SO SHALL MY WORD BE that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but **IT SHALL ACCOMPLISH that which I purpose, and SHALL SUCCEED in the thing for which I sent it.**" (Isaiah 55:10-11)*

I. A GRACIOUS, GLORIOUS, HUMANLY IMPOSSIBLE PLAN

Jonah 3:1 -

1) We should MARVEL at the grace of God, and we should NEVER take it for granted.

Proverbs 24:16; Romans 6:1-2 -

Jonah 3:1-4 -

2) We should MARVEL at the *seeming* absurdity of this messenger and message.

1 Corinthians 1:25 -

Jonah 3:5-9 -

3) We should MARVEL at the effective, transforming, humbling power of God's word!

Hebrews 4:12-13 -

Note: To the degree that we believe that the power and effectiveness to change people rests on us, WE WILL NEVER SPEAK as we should, BUT when we rightly see and know that the power for true heart change belongs to God, THEN (with joy/confidence!) we can speak and share God's Word!

2 Corinthians 3:5-6; Matthew 12:41 -

Jonah 3:10 -

4) We should MARVEL at the glorious consistency of God's character and nature!

Luke 19:10; Luke 5:31-32; John 10:10-11 -

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What does it mean to take God's grace for granted? How are we tempted to do that today?
2. In chapter 3, how did God demonstrate grace towards Jonah and towards the people of Nineveh?
3. What brought about change in Nineveh? Who gets the credit? How do you know?
4. Why is it necessary to talk about God's righteous judgment?
5. Does verse 10 reveal a change in God's character/nature? In this chapter, who changed?