

“Repentance – National Repentance”

Repentance RPNT - 07

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- Jonah – Judgment Announcement
 - Judgment against Nineveh because I have seen how wicked its people are
 - Jonah went the opposite way hoping to escape from the Lord
 - The Storm
 - Man overboard
 - The calm
 - Fish food
- Lonely days and lonely nights
 - Three days and nights in the fish
 - Jonah’s repentance
 - I will fulfill my vows for my salvation comes from the Lord alone
- Fish vomit
- Second Chance
 - Go to Nineveh and deliver the message I have given you
 - This time Jonah obeyed
- Nineveh – capitol city of Assyria
 - Feared enemies of Israel in Jonah’s day
 - Point of Jonah’s message – not to seal judgment, but offer opportunity for repentance
- Judgment Announcement
 - Forty days – Nineveh destroyed
 - The people believed the message
 - The people’s repentance – fast and burlap to show their sorrow
 - The king’s repentance and declaration
 - Fasting and garments of mourning
 - Everyone must pray earnestly to God
 - Turn from evil ways
 - Stop all their violence
 - Perhaps God will change his mind
- God changed his mind
- Prophetically perturbed

- This is why I ran away
- You are...
 - Merciful
 - Compassionate
 - Slow to anger
 - Filled with unfailing love
 - Eager to keep from destroying people
- Rather be dead if my prophecy doesn’t come to pass
- The death wish
 - The leafy plant
 - The hungry worm
 - The hot sun
 - The scorching wind
- Compassion for people living in spiritual darkness
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NLT2) 3 If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. 4 Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don’t understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.
- Don’t be like Jonah
 - Run away from God
 - Care more about your image than God’s will being done
 - Rather have judgment on evil people
- Be like Jonah
 - Repentant
 - Second chance obedient
- Be like God
 - Concerned for those living in Spiritual Darkness
 - Desire to see a nation healed
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NLT2) Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.
- Psalm 33:12 (NASB) Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.