



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **RELUCTANT OBEDIENCE**
 Series: **Jonah: Lessons From a Man Who Ran from God**
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Then **the word of the Lord** came to Jonah **a second time**: 2 **“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”** (Jon 3:1–2).

GOD IS A GOD OF _____ CHANCES!

- Ezekiel 18:32 says, “For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. **Repent and live!**”
- 2 Peter 3:9 says, “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead **he is patient with you**, not wanting **anyone to perish**, but **everyone to come to repentance.**”
- **REPENTANCE** - A change of _____ and _____ from sin toward **obedience to God**. The concept of repentance differs slightly in the Hebrew and Greek minds, but an emphasis upon **right behavior is consistent throughout.**

WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN FROM JONAH?

1. GOD WILL TAKE YOU BACK TO THE PLACE YOU SAID _____!

Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” **Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh.** (Jon 3:2–3).

Now Nineveh was a very important city—**a visit required three days.** 4 On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: **“Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned.”** (Jon 3:3–4).

2. _____ OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN DISOBEDIENCE!

On the first day, **Jonah started into the city.** He proclaimed: **“Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned.”** 5 **The Ninevites believed God.** They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. (Jon 3:4–5).

- _____ OBEDIENCE
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WHAT KIND OF OBEDIENCE DOES GOD WANT?

3. YOUR OBEDIENCE COULD PROMPT A POSITIVE _____

The ***Ninevites believed God.*** They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

6 When the news reached the king of Nineveh, ***he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.*** 7 Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh: (Jon 3:5–7).

- **GOD COMMISSIONS JONAH - JONAH RESPONDS _____**
- **JONAH PROCLAIMS THE MESSAGE - KING AND CITIZENS RESPOND _____.**
 - *By the decree of the king and his nobles:*
 - “No one, not even the animals from your herds and flocks, may eat or drink anything at all. 8 People and animals alike must wear garments of mourning, and everyone must pray earnestly to God. ***They must turn from their evil ways and stop all their violence.*** 9 Who can tell? ***Perhaps even yet God will change his mind and hold back his fierce anger from destroying us.***” (Jon 3:7–9).
- **NINEVITES TURN TO GOD - GOD RESPONDS _____**
 - When ***God saw what they did*** and how they turned from their evil ways, ***he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.*** (Jon 3:10).

WHAT WAS JONAH'S RESPONSE TO GOD'S FAVOR UPON THE NINEVITES?

But Jonah was ***greatly*** _____ and ***became*** _____. (Jon 4:1).