



Jonah (*God's prophet to Israel*) is called by God to go to Ninevah (*a massive Gentile city*) to cry against it for their great wickedness. God was at his tipping point with the atrocities of Assyria. But Jonah refused to go, rebelling and running the opposite direction from God's \_\_\_\_\_, putting himself at great odds with the Lord (Lk. 6:46). Out of the belly of hell, Jonah comes to his senses...remembering the Lord, repenting of his sins, and is willing to return to the mission (Lk. 15:17; Hos. 6:1-3). God chooses to give Jonah and Nineveh a second chance to do what's right. Today we will consider, from Jonah, the God of second chances.

## THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES – Jonah 3:1-6

### 1. Jonah Receives a Second Chance – v. 1-4

- God's first and second commissions to him are similar, yet slightly different – Jon. 1:1-5, 3:1-5.

*Cry against Nineveh, \_\_\_\_\_ unto it (1:2, 3:2; 2 Cor. 5:11; Tit. 1:9) =*

*The preaching that I bid thee (3:2; 1 Ki. 22:14; 2 Tim. 4:2-3) =*

- There is no telling how many \_\_\_\_\_ God may give – Ex. 33:19; Ecc. 9:7-12; Rom. 9:17-20; 1 Jn. 5:16-17.

- Things to consider when God speaks a second time:

*Abraham concerning Isaac (Gen. 22:11-18) =*

*Elijah running from Jezebel (1 Ki. 19:4-7) =*

*Jeremiah concerning \_\_\_\_\_ (Jer. 1:11-17, 13:3, 33:1-5) =*

*Peter concerning the Gentiles (Acts 10:11-16) =*

*Old Testament, \_\_\_\_\_ Testament (1 Cor. 15:45) =*

*1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians =*

- Back from the dead after expulsion from the whale, Jonah obeys God crossing through the great city of Nineveh preaching an \_\_\_\_\_ word message – Matt. 12:39-41.

*An exceeding great city of three days' journey =*

*Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown =*

2. The People of Ninevah Receive a Second Chance – v. 5-6

- They believe God's words, not Jonah's, wondering if they would receive a second chance – v. 9; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 2:25; Josh. 2:9-11; Ps. 14:1, 53:1.

*Fasting, \_\_\_\_\_, and ashes =*

- God gives them a 40-day notice till destruction...a significant Bible number regarding \_\_\_\_\_.

*The deluge of water in Noah's day lasted 40 days (Gen. 7:4) =*

*The 12 spies spent 40 days in the promised land (Num. 13:25) =*

*Israel spent 40 years wandering in the wilderness (Num. 14:33) =*

*Moses spent 40 years in Egypt and 40 years in the desert (Acts 7:23, 30) =*

*Moses was 40 days on Mount Sinai with the LORD (Ex. 34:28) =*

*Jesus held a 40 day fast before His encounter with \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 4:1-2) =*

*Eli ruled as Israel's judge 40 years (1 Sam. 4:18) =*

*King Saul, David, and Solomon all reigned 40 years (Acts 13:21; 2 Sam 5:4; 1 Ki. 11:42) =*

*There were 40 days between Jesus' resurrection and ascension (Acts 1:3) =*

*Most give a count of 40 different men who \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible =*

*The old saying goes "\_\_\_\_\_ begins at 40!"*

- Nineveh's and Assyria's national repentance is the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ response in world history to the Word of God – v. 9, 4:11; Jer. 20:9, 23:29; Heb. 4:2.