



We are at the climax of the story of Jonah. Jonah is told by God to go and preach a simple message of judgment to the lost and wicked Assyrian capital city. Jonah disobeys the Lord, and God takes him out of the game, using that disobedience for His glory. Jonah _____ from the belly of hell and God repents putting Jonah back into action giving a second chance to go and preach. The people of Ninevah believe God and repent, and God repents of the evil he intended (v. 10). We come to another controversy through the events of this story. Does God change His mind and how does that work? Are we robots who just do God's bidding?

THE REPENTANCE OF MAN AND GOD – Jonah 3:5-10

1. The Repentance of Man – v. 5-9

- Repent = to _____ from something to something else – v. 8-9, Jer. 4:28, 31:19; Ezek. 14:6, 18:30; Matt. 12:41, 21:29; Acts 20:21; Heb. 6:1.

The repentance of Peter (Lk. 22:60-62; Mark 16:7) =

The repentance of _____ and Esau (Matt. 27:1-5; Heb. 12:16-17) =

- The people of Ninevah repent _____ with specific actions toward God – v. 5-8; Matt. 3:8; Acts 5:31, 11:18, 26:20; 2 Chron. 7:14; Jer. 18:8.

Fasting, sackcloth, ashes...man and _____ =

From their evil way...from their violence =

- The people in Ninevah did not know for _____ if their repentance would cause God to repent – v. 9; Matt. 12:41; 2 Tim 2:24-25; Ja. 4:8, 10; Rev. 2:21-22.
- There is _____ repentance needed for salvation and regular repentance from God's people to walk rightly with God – Acts 17:30-31; 2 Pet. 3:9-10; Rom. 2:4; 2 Cor. 7:8-10; Rev. 2:5, 16; 3:19.
- There is an incredible lack of repentance from mankind at the end of time – Rev. 9:20-21, 16:9-11.

2. The Repentance of God – v. 10

- The first repentance in the Bible is God Himself repenting away from _____ – Gen. 6:6-7; Ps. 80:3, 7, 19; Rom. 1:24, 26, 28.
- God does not repent as man repents from _____, but God does indeed turn in repentance – Num. 23:19; 1 Sam. 15:29; Jer. 15:6, 26:13; Ja. 5:16.
- _____ does God demonstrate repentance toward mankind? – Jon. 4:2; Jud. 2:18; Ps. 106:45; Pr. 24:17-18.