

Jonah: Reluctant Prophet, Relentless God
Week 3: The Preaching Prophet
Jonah 3:1-10

Introduction:

- A. As a preacher, you desire nothing more than to preach a “good” sermon that is life changing. Sadly, many times, when you see the lack of responses, you feel your message was anything but life changing.
- B. Nothing could have prepared Jonah for what was about to come as a result of his message.

Jonah’s Commission (vs. 1-3)

- A. Jonah was a commissioned a second time to go to Nineveh and preach.
- B. Jonah commission was to proclaim the message he was given from God.
- C. Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord.
- D. God has commissioned us to go and share the message He has given us (Matt. 28:19-20; I Cor. 9:16; Gal. 1:6-9).

Nineveh’s Conversion (vs. 4-9)

- A. Nineveh believed God and the message Jonah preached.
- B. Nineveh proclaimed a fast and covered themselves with sackcloth.
- C. Nineveh responded by changing their ways.
- D. Never underestimate the power of God’s Word (Jon. 2:9; Heb. 4:12).

God’s Compassion (v. 10)

- A. God saw that Nineveh had turned from their evil ways (Jon. 1:2; Prov. 15:3).
- B. God relented and did not follow through with the destruction of Nineveh (Jer. 18:7-10).
- C. God gave a wicked people the opportunity to change even though they did not deserve it (Eph. 2:8-9).

Conclusion:

- A. God’s wrath/judgment is coming on those who do not know God or obey Him (2 Thess. 1:7-9).
- B. Are we helping prepare others for that day to come? Are we prepared for that day to come?