

A Preaching Prophet Forgets God's Power

III. A Repentant Prophet **Preaching** (Jonah 3:1-10)

A. God speaks to Jonah **again** (Jonah 3:1-2)

1 And **the word of the LORD** came unto Jonah the **second time**, saying,

2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. (**God of the **Second** Chance!**)

B. Jonah now **follows** God (Jonah 3:3)

3 So Jonah arose, and **went unto Nineveh**, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding **great city of three days' journey**.

C. Jonah's Great **Sermon** (Jonah 3:4)

4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, **Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown**.

D. The greatest revival in the Bible but it's **Gentiles** (Jonah 3:5-10)

1. They **Believed** (Jonah 3:5-6)

5 So **the people** of Nineveh **believed God**, and **proclaimed a fast**, and **put on sackcloth**, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he **laid his robe from him**, and **covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes**.

2. They **Proclaimed** & Published (Jonah 3:7-8)

7 And he caused it to be **proclaimed and published** through Nineveh by the **decree of the king** and his nobles, saying, Let neither **man nor beast**, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water:

8 But let **man and beast** be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.

3. They **Prayed** (Jonah 3:9)

9 **Who can tell if God will turn and repent**, and **turn away** from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

4. They Got their prayer **answered** (Jonah 3:10)

10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and **God repented of the evil**, that he had said that he would do unto them; and **he did it not**.

IV. A **forgetful** Prophet (Jonah 4:1-11)

A. Jonah forgot what was **important** – The **soul** of man (Jonah 4:1-3)

1 But it **displeased**(to **tremble**) Jonah exceedingly, and **he was very angry**(**hot**).

-Jonah's second prayer-

2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for **I knew that thou art a**

gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

3 Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech(**beg**) thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.

B. Jonah forgot that God was in **charge – God made the **shade** (Jonah 4:4-7)**

1. God pointed out Jonah's problem (Jonah 4:4)

4 Then said the LORD, **Doest thou well to be angry?**

2. Jonah threw a **fit (Jonah 4:5-7)**

5 **So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.**

3. God proved how **silly Jonah was (Jonah 4:4-7)**

6 And the LORD **God prepared a gourd**, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a **shadow** over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So **Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.**

7 But **God prepared a worm** when the morning rose the next day, and it **smote the gourd** that it withered.

C. Jonah forgot that God is in the people business - **Saving souls (Jonah 4:8-11)**

8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that **God prepared a vehement east wind**; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, **It is better for me to die than to live.**

9 And God said to Jonah, **Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death.**

10 Then said the LORD, **Thou hast had pity on the gourd**, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:

11 And **should not I spare Nineveh**, that **great city**, wherein are more than **sixscore thousand persons (12,000)** that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?