

Sun Morning

REGARDING REPENTANCE

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Text: Jonah 3:8-10 -- *Jonah's preaching*

"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. 9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? 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." (Jonah 3:8-10)

INTRODUCTION

- God sent Jonah to preach in Nineveh against their wickedness (Jonah 1:1-2)
- Nineveh was capital city of Assyria
 - * Assyria enemy of northern kingdom of Israel

1. *God's Sovereign* REPENTANCE

God & human population before Noah's flood

"If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them." (Jeremiah 18:8) God speaking

"And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them." (Genesis 6:6-7)

"And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people." (Exodus 32:14)

Saul the 1st King of Israel

"It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night." (1 Samuel 15:11)

- Jonah prophet in northern kingdom of Israel (2 Kings 14:23-25)
- Jonah Hebrew prophet sent to the gent. (es (Mt 12:38-41; 16:4; Lk 11:29-32; 28:28) Acts)

- A. God Cannot Change Because He
Is immutable - God cannot change
"For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." (Malachi 3:6)
- B. God Can Experience Sorrow Over Our Sin Causing
Him to react in Judgment, or He
Can Sigh in relief Causing Him
to Act in Mercy When We Change!
- C. Our Free Will Can and Will activate
God's Response/Repentance Toward Us

free
will

2. Sinner's REPENTANCE

God
desires
all to
repent

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

- A. Your soul Gets Saved
- B. You Go from unbelief to Belief
"And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;" (John 16:8-9) Holy Spirit's work
- C. You Change Your Mind about the
object/person of Your Faith - Jesus Christ

Holy Spirit
conviction
of people

3. Saint's REPENTANCE

- A. This Has to Do with Our sanctification,
Not Our Salvation - growing holiness
- B. This Is about Areas, Attitudes, and Activities in the
Saint's Life That Need to change
- C. Characteristics of Godly Sorrow Seen
in True Repentance

*Christian conversion is repentance
from sin & faith toward God
*involves change in behavior &
actions

- every person has a spirit and soul
and body (1 Thess 5:23)
- 2 Cor 7:8-9 Sorry in Godly manner
- 2 Cor 7:10 Godly sorrow produces
repentance to salvation

1. Carefulness: Puts guardrails up not to sin
2. Clearing of Self: Experiences forgiveness
3. Indignation: Holy anger toward your sin
4. Fear: That you could do it again
5. Vehement Desire: Genuine desire to conquer sin
6. Zeal: Fervent mind to see victory, eager
7. Revenge: Wants to get back at the sin

CONCLUSION

- Jonah was angry with God & highly displeased with God's mercy (Jonah 3:10 & 4:1)
- Jonah complained to God about His character (Jonah 4:2)
 - Sovereign repentance has to do with God's response to us.
 - Sinner's repentance has to do with redemption.
 - Saint's repentance has to do with righteousness.
- But God begins to reason with Jonah about his anger against Israel's enemies (Jon 4:2-3)
- God challenges Jonah's pity compared to God's pity & forgiveness (Jonah 4:10-11)
- God is faithful to His own character of love, mercy, justice, & holiness
- Every year, book of Jonah read in synagogue in Judaism
 - during feast of Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) in Sept
 - this book reminds Jews that God offers love & mercy to all people

