

# JONAH: HEARING AND DOING GOD'S WILL

Sermon Title: "And God Said..."

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Text: **Jonah 3:1-10**

Subject: **Nineveh's Repentance**

Notes:

- When **God** moves, everyone knows it is God!
- When God moves, people are **Changed** and the world around them is changed.
- God is more concerned about His **Workers** than He is about their work.
- Remember the **Stages** of Jonah's spiritual journey:
  - **God Speaks**—1:1-2
  - **Jonah Departs**—1:3
  - **God Disciplines**—1:4-9
  - **Jonah Descends**—1:10-15
  - **God Preserves**—1:17
  - **Jonah Prays**—2:1-9
  - **God Answers**—2:2, 10
  - **Jonah Repents**—2:9; 3:3
  - **God Accomplishes**—3:1-10

Note Two Aspects of Nineveh's Unparalleled Awakening:

## 1. JONAH'S PROCLAMATION FROM GOD—3:1-4

- a. Consider The **Prophet**—The Same Person, Yet A Different Priority
  - i. A new **Attitude**
  - ii. A new **Affection**
  - iii. A new **Action**
- b. Consider The **Prophecy**
  - i. His assignment did not **Change**
  - ii. His assignment is **Clear**
  - iii. His assignment was **Challenging**
  - iv. His assignment was received with **Confidence**
  - v. His assignment was received with **Commitment**

## 2. NINEVEH'S TRANSFORMATION BY GOD—3:5-10

- a. **FAITH**
  - i. The people of Nineveh **Believed** God.
  - ii. They faced their **Sin** because of God's Word.
- b. **FASTING**
  - i. They were **Broken** over their sin.
  - ii. They **Forsook** their sins because of God's Word.

What is repentance?

- It is not **Remorse**
  - It is not **Regret**
  - It is not **Resolve**
  - It is not **Reform**
  - Repentance is a **Change** of Mind/Attitude that results in a change of Heart/Affection that leads to a change of Action
- c. **FORGIVENESS**
    - i. The Bible says it all in v. 10—"**God saw their Works**"
    - ii. There is always **Proof** of repentance!
    - iii. v. 10—God "**relented**" = changed His **Mind**

## CONCLUSION:

Can God forgive me? Without a doubt! Like the people of Nineveh, when you respond in faith and repentance, you will experience the joy of God's forgiveness.