

Study Guide

Jonah 3

This chapter accounts for the greatest awakening recorded in the Bible. It was a simple five-word message that Jonah shared when 120,000 people admitted and turned away from their wickedness. Here are some topics that surface from Jonah 3:

1. When God speaks to us a second time.
2. The power of a timely word.
3. The power of our brokenness.
4. The spirit of awakening.

Let's ask God to meet us in our time together.

See you soon,
Pastor Bobby

Message Slides

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A. The Second Time (v. 1-2)

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the **second time**, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.”

B. Timely Words from Broken People (v.3-5)

So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh **believed** God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

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1. There is power in a timely word.
2. There is power in our brokenness.

C. The Spirit of Revival (v.6-9)

They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

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1. Listening to God leads to **change**.
2. Change leads to **influence**.
3. Influence leads to **hope**.

D. God Responds (v.10)

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Four Great American Revivals

1. 1730-40 - Jonathan Edwards, John and Charles Wesley, George Whitfield
2. 1820-50 - Charles Finney
3. 1875-85 - D.L. Moody
4. 1910-70 - Billy Sunday; Billy Graham

Characteristics of Awakenings

1. Conditions for Awakenings Arise
2. Widespread Conviction of Sin
3. Freedom & Reconciliation
4. Heaven Upon Earth
5. Enthusiasm for God's Precious Word
6. There is a Willingness for Sacrifice
7. Long Term Effects

Rooted in love

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1. Revealed Love- How much God loves me

Eph. 3:16-18

"...with power through his Spirit in your inner being,"so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, *may have strength to comprehend ...to know the love of Christ..."

2. Disordered love- The details of my brokenness

Psalms 16:2

"I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.'"

3. Curated Love- Leaning into the voice of God's Spirit.

Galatians 3:3

"Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?"