

Sunday July 29, 2018

JONAH IS OBEDIENT

FROM OBSTINATE TO OVERBOARD TO OBEDIENT

Jonah chapter 3

I. R _____ OF JONAH

God G _____ gives Jonah a 2nd chance.

Jonah is now the C _____ prophet. Courage can:

- let us begin again!
- help us to overcome fear!
- allows us to move forward! (LIFE HAPPENS)

II. R _____ the R _____

It can be very unpopular to preach the truth of God today.

“In our culture so often, truth is ‘whatever you want it to be.’ Whatever you want it to be includes gender, morals, marriage, race, and theological and political truth. Not only that, anyone who questions the freedom to make truth whatever one wants it to be is labeled intolerant, bigoted or worse. (Are we) passionate about the BIBLICAL MESSAGE of radical grace? It is so tempting for me (and you) to change or soften the hard truths of the Christian faith. We so want to be accepted and loved BUT Paul said that Christians have been given the precious gift of truth and “none of the rulers of this age understood.” (1Corinthians 2:8) And Peter said: “We did not follow clearly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 1:16). The Psalmist writes: “The Lord is near to all who call on Him IN TRUTH.” (Psalm 145:18). Finally, if we sand down truth we have nothing left to say. That’s why doctrine is important. Biblical doctrine/TRUTH defines WHO WE ARE, WHERE WE’RE GOING, AND WHY WE’RE HERE.” (Steve Brown)

“Pulpits have become places where men have determined they’ve been given the prerogative to tell people what they want to tell them, instead of recognizing they are there by divine commission and they have nothing to say except what God has given them.” (Alistair Begg, senior pastor, Parkside Church, Cleveland)

III. R _____ and R _____

How do we account for this city-wide turning to God?

Jonah was not E _____. Neither was the Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 2:4-5)

The only explanation for the widespread repentance is the
S_____ of the L_____ G _____

“If you are a Christian, you are already an eyewitness to a miraculous and magnificent work of the Holy Spirit: the regeneration He worked in your heart at your conversion. That’s a miracle. Scripture tells us that God’s Spirit has power to create, to reveal, to regenerate, to give life.” (John MacArthur)

IV. R _____ GRACE

V. R _____ OUT

What actions can you take to show the reality and sincerity of your repentance?