

THE WORD FOR GOD

Date: October 19, 2025 - Jonah 3:1-10

Central Idea: God wants to work in us as well as through us.

Introduction:

Now the very fact that the Lord spoke again to Jonah is quite revealing. First, the command manifested God's continued love and concern for the heathen Ninevites. He had no intention of abandoning this great city simply because of one prophet's disobedience and waywardness. Second, the order demonstrated God's mercy to Jonah. The horrifying experience in the belly of the fish had taught Jonah at least one lesson, and judging by his prayer, he had learned it well. Forgiven, he now received a second chance to warn the Ninevites to flee the wrath of God which was to come.

Preaching—Running with God

- I. God's Command to Preach, vv. 1-3
- II. The Content of Jonah's Preaching, v. 4
- III. The Consequences of Jonah's Preaching, vv. 5-10
 - 1. Faith, v. 5
 - 2. Fasting, vv. 6-9
 - 3. Forgiveness, v. 10

Conclusion:

Practical Lessons of Permanent Value:

- 1. The path of self-will is always downward.
- 2. How futile it is to resist the will of God.
- 3. Every heart has an inherent capacity for God.
- 4. In the hour of distress, one must turn to the God he has grieved.
- 5. God knows and loves and seeks the salvation of all people.
- 6. One usually runs into a storm when he seeks to run away from God.
- 7. It is tragic to have to meet the storms of life without God's presence.
- 8. One tends to limit God by disobedience.
- 9. True repentance may avert the catastrophic that has been threatened.
- 10. No divinely given task may be lightly regarded.
- 11. It is utterly impossible to escape from God.
- 12. God would have us love all men as He loves them and give ourselves to the task of winning them.