



JONAH

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*RESISTANCE TRAINING*

# Review

- 1) God wasn't using Jonah to fix Nineveh; instead, he was using Nineveh to fix Jonah.
- 2) Jonah wants a God of his own making, a God who simply smites the bad people, the wicked Ninevites, and blesses the good people, the Israelites.
- 3) God sent Jonah, the sinner, to Nineveh, the sinful city because he was similar to the people.
- 4) We tend to view wickedness in terms of crimes committed against other people, but God judges wickedness in terms of resistance to him.

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

*Jonah 1:17*



To the roots of the mountains I sank down;  
the earth beneath barred me in  
forever. But you, Lord my God, brought my  
life up from the pit. <sup>7</sup> "When my life was  
ebbing away I remembered you, Lord, and  
my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.

*Jonah 2:6-7*

And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

*Jonah 2:10*





Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." <sup>4</sup> Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown."

*Jonah 3:1-2,4*

The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink.<sup>8</sup> But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence.<sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

*Jonah 3:5, 7-9*





"The whole community was stirred. God was the topic of conversation in the house, in the shop, in the office and on the street...Grog shops were closed, the Sabbath was honored, the sanctuaries were thronged with happy worshippers...There was a wonderful falling off of crime. The courts had little to do, and the jail was nearly empty for years afterward."

*Charles Bush (Rochester native converted during the revivals)*

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

*Jonah 3:10*



When Jonah saw that God had relented, he  
returned to his own land rejoicing.

*Jonah 3:11*

But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he  
became angry.

*Jonah 4:1*





<sup>5</sup> Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city.<sup>6</sup> Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant.<sup>7</sup> But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered.<sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

*Jonah 4:5-8*









But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" "It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead." <sup>10</sup> But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. <sup>11</sup> And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

*Jonah 4:9-11*

The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now something greater than Jonah is here.

*Matthew 12:41*





