

God of the Second Chance

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“A Second Chance”

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Jonah 2:10 – 3:10

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

1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:

2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

3 Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city—a visit required three days.

4 On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned."

5 The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

6 When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.

7 Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink.

8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence.

9 Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

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

The Ancient City of Nineveh

1. It was the capital city of _____ and the _____ city in the world at the time.

2. It was the center of _____ and science.

3. It was exceedingly _____.

Jonah 1:2

"Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."

How does God reveal Himself as the “God of the Second Chance?”

1. He gave a second chance to _____, _____, pagan people – the Ninevites.

2. He gave a second chance to a _____, self-centered believer named Jonah.

3. He gives a second chance to _____.

Your NEXT STEPS:

- Regarding what issues are you “running from God”
- and avoiding His purposes in your life? Be honest.
- In what area of your life has God given you a
- “second chance?” Be thankful.
- Who are some individuals in your life where you need
- to show grace and give them another chance? Be forgiving.