

Jonah Runs Against God

I. Jonah 4 Links With Jonah 3

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1. Power of God's word, 4.
 - Words are powerful.
 - God's word led Nineveh to repent.

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2. How faith comes, 5.
 - Ro.10:17, faith, hearing, word
 - Jn.20:30-31, written word

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2. How faith comes, 4.
3. **Order of faith and repentance, 5.**
 - 'Fast' implies repentance
 - Baptist: saved at point of faith
 - Repentance must 'move'

BIBLE	Believe then Repent
BAPTIST	Repent then Believe

- Jonah . . . Ac.2:37-38

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 - Baptist: 'Not saved by works'
(to escape necessity of baptism)
 - Faith works – Jn.6; Hb.11; Ja.2

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 - Mt.12:41.
 - Repentance begins in mind, ends in change of life.

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6. **Error of predestination theories, 10.**
 - o Ninevites must choose to obey God or be destroyed.

3:10 - God relented; showed mercy to penitent sinners

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II. Jonah 4: Jonah
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Nine miracles in Jonah:

1. Great wind, 1:4
2. Lot on Jonah, 1:7
3. Calm sea, 1:15
4. Great fish, 1:17
5. Fish swallowed Jonah alive..., 1:17
6. Vomited onto dry land, 2:10
7. Plant, 4:6, 10
8. Worm, 4:7
9. East wind, 4:8

The contrast, 11

- Nineveh killed enemies; Jonah would kill souls.
- Book ends in Jonah's silence.
- If God merely wanted to save Nineveh, book could have ended with chapter 3.

God also wants to save Jonah

Lessons

1. Jonah: disappointed with God, 4:1-2, 9
 - Jonah's hatred for Nineveh turned him against the love of God.
 - Mt.20:15
 - Mt.5:43
 - Lk.7:39
 - Lk.15:28

Lessons

2. Impenitent sinner: his own worst enemy
- Jonah wants to be saved, but not Nineveh
 - He despises God's longsuffering, mercy, forgiveness

4Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

5But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God – **Romans 2**

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3. Many hold misplaced priorities, 4:6-8.
 - Lk.19:41-44, lamentations
 - Mt.6:28-30, about plants

'When Jonah had run from the Lord
A fish had to take him aboard.

He preached to a city.

But he preached without pity.

Though he wept o'er the death of a gourd'

- A prophet of God shows more concern for a gourd than for thousands of souls
- Sometimes our gourds must perish so we can learn lessons we have missed

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 - Gn.18:23-33, begging for more time

Lessons

4. Jonah's hatred and prejudice almost 'to death,' 9

- Mk.14:34 –

Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, *even* to death. Stay here and watch."

Lessons

5. 120,000 (children?) 4:10-11

- Dt.1:39

- Jonah's disregard for Nineveh's innocent lives recalls U.S. abortion industry . . . Infanticide.
- God's concern for innocents compares with His willingness to spare Sodom for ten righteous.