

Intro: From his strange prayer closet - the fishes belly - we must follow him to his pulpit.

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A professor said to a group of young preachers: "Remember that you need to give to the lost person God's word, not yours. He has promised to bless his word, not yours, and it is his word, not yours, that will not return void".
God said to Jonah "Preach unto them the preaching that I bid thee" - V. 2 God had ordered him to first go now he orders the message.

1. Preach thyne judgment against the city. God did not tell Jonah to alter this message. Their wickedness has come up before me and I am ready to send my wrath. He is not to change this message the word of God is unalterable, it will not change either for preacher or teacher or hearer.

Explanation for your sermon is God - I will put my truth in thy mouth - May accuse you of taking the skin off and kicking rubbing in the salt - but be it known these rebukes are not from man but God.

He amazed the pagan city with the fearful judgments of God. Did you know the judgments of God constitute one of the largest portions of Scripture? perhaps 1/3 of the whole Bible taken up with stories of God's judgments upon men and nations.

Judgment from God is coming upon all men--

- (1) Warning of Eec. 12:13-14
- (2) Vision of Daniel 7:9-10
- (3) Paul - Rom: 2:5, 3:20
- (4) Peter 2P. 3:7-10
- (5) Jude 5-15
- (6) John Rev. 20:11-15

2. Preach Repentance to the people if they would escape this judgment.

- Some think they can escape God's judgment --
- (1) Isaiah 2:10-2
- (2) Amos 5:16-20
- (3) John the Baptist - Matt 3:7-10
- (4) Jesus Luke 13:21 - 29

I. A second call V. 1
We come suddenly and unexpectedly here upon one of the most marvelous things that happened to this preacher - A second chance, for a sinner, erring servant.

This magnifies the far reaching forbearance and marvelous mercy of God. Who among us has not and failed?
Being human we can not escape making blunders!

Can we have a greater need therefore, than an opportunity to set right the mistakes we have made and strive to do better? Until our day, away of the Lord's most faithful and effective servants must shudder in solemn contemplation of what and where they would have been except for a second time - God calls and calls again - His purpose persists, despite flightless eyes and stubborn wills, until finally surrender is secured.

The great test of character comes when we have failed and God calls and we rise to do what he would have us do. God insisted that he go to Nineveh, not to some other place. This represents the char divine plan and purpose for each life. God has a particular servant for a particular place of service and responsibility. The servant, not some other is to occupy that post of duty -- Dunbar wrote:

| Nobody else can do the work
| That God marked out for you.

The preacher had gotten good from his strange experience and is now ready to consider God's will. God comes and asks him "Jonah, wilt thou go to Nineveh now?"
He had come out of his affliction and he is listening to the voice of God, telling him to return to his task which he has neglected. -- Now, go and sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee -- John 5:14.

The word of the Lord came unto him again -- showing that when God forgives he forgets - gives us a new spirit.

II. The Palace of this Pulpit

Nonivah - great city

First - Great in size. From geographical standpoint three days journey, described the overland travel of Jonah. The city included a large urban area. The earliest biblical notice concerned with Nonivah is Gen. 10:11 - 12. Then were many suburban towns and villages. Some believe the city may have had a population in excess of half a million people -- a city equivalent to that of New Orleans, or in excess of the city of Norfolk. Three days journey would be about 60 miles -- an average of 20 miles per day, as he moved from one point to another in the city preaching to groups, individuals, street crossings, shops, residences, etc.

Second - Great in wickedness -- many feel that this description related to the moral corruption of the citizens - the spiritual state in the divine light. "Their wickedness is come up before me" 1:2 moral and social sin, rather than idolatry"

Third - Great plan for saving this great city. Here is revealed God's universal concern for mankind. Also, God's plan for world evangelization.

- (1) Some one must catch the vision of the compassionate God who would have all men come to repentance. 1:1
- (2) There must be understanding of the desperate needs of the people. 1:2

- (3) God's chosen messenger must deliver God's word 1:1

- (4) The people must hear and heed the message God sends -- 3:5

III. He Follows! God to His Pulpit

Jonah knows why he is following God - He is a rededicated, God directed, greatly needed, God empowered preacher. He dares to follow God!

Before he had been disobedient - Now he made no objections with out murmuring he ascends his pulpit. He has changed his mind. He has returned to his work that he had left undone. Jonah arose -- He did not sit still -- it was a great way off -- it was a place where he had never been before -- yet he took his journey, according to the word of the Lord, God's servants must go where he sends them, come when he calls them go where he sends them, and do what he bids them.

This is a rare statement -- Arise and followed the Lord's orders. Few people ever dare to fully follow God's word in their lives.

Two Reasons: First, Few people seek to know or study to know, what is God's word and will for them. Not only ignorant of the word of God, but choose to remain so. Second, people have some great weakness of the flesh which prevents their doing what they know to be God's will.

(Most of us) like Jonah have to be chastised of God and whipped into line before we are willing to wholly follow the word of God.

All rebellion was gone! God's will was Jonah's will -- God's work was Jonah's work. Every step he took, Every message he spoke, every prayer he uttered -- God was there to help and to bless. Jonah was not the same man that was on the ship.

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sinful men.
God had exercised great forbearance with these

Belvation by faith.
God withheld judgment --
Forgiveness comes from his compassionate heart.

I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the
wicked turn from his way and live --- - -"

Take 11:32 - Able to stand in judgment

Ps. 32:1 - Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven
whose sin is covered" - - - -

2 Cor. 5:10-11

The way of repentance unto Divine Mercy is now open to
all people

Ally - Satan's nation - Set fire to city & bid in sin -

Hamul - kill 3 babies, gold ring, iron shaghted knives
bind at feet by prison -

Parson - longitud 800 ceter - tyed his garments with
strand of one million of his hair, was strangled by
his king's hand

Napoleon - a seer to Europe did in eye.

"The wicked shall be cut off"
A Hungarian King - said his son - "I shall have a great
reign & know not how to die & appear before God in
the judgment - His son answered - as soon as I shall be
in heaven for my sins - to be executed - at the judgment
before the doors of heaven - at God's door - Heaven is
the King's hall - by sound of trumpet - you shall not
know how to come to King's hall - by your own power - but
by the King's will - at the night of the King's judgment - you
shall stand before the King's judgment - you shall
stand before the judgment before Christ?"

He must warn them and show them the way out.

3. Preach that the time is limited
A real alarm - the day has been set - uprighteous
people had a certain amount of time in which to repent.

Forty days - yet the city shall be spared forty days in face
of its wickedness.
They had time to repent, but God will wait no longer.

40 days is a long time for a righteous God to delay or defer
his judgment - yet it seems a little time for the unrighteous
people to repent and reform in only God could fix the time
limit -

We should awaken and get ready for death as our time is
about to run out - it is more probable that we die within 40
days than that we shall live 40 days more.

God's judgments are dated
1. Curse pronounced upon Adam - Gen 3:17 - 19

2. Curse placed upon Cain - Gen 4:9-15

3. Destruction of world by Flood - Gen 7:1-6

4. Destruction of Pharaoh's army in Egypt. Ex. 12:11-14
Pharaoh's army

5. Judgment upon Israel in wilderness - Num. 14:26

6. Judgment upon house of Eli - 1 Sam. 2:27
cut off

7. Judgment upon army - 2 Kings 19:20

8. Judgment upon Ahab and Jezebel - 1 Kings 21:7-19
Bog shall eat the wall
and the city shall be a ruin

grace no cotton skin for back here - from hold
him down - No known doctrine of 1800 - stop by
Bible Hill - non-stop Red Room - School - 1810-18
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V. The Effectiveness of His Invitation 5-9

His sermon and invitation are unparalleled in history -
the truth of God had been preached by the lips of an unworthy
man. Moral transformation swept over Niveveh and amazing
response of a pagan city to an unknown preacher's sermon on
impending judgment.

"So faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of
God". The people understood that God was speaking to them.

1. Note how they responded
(1) It was immediate - it began with the first
day of his preaching. 3:4-5

(2) It was city wide - all classes of people -
3:5

(3) It was wholehearted -
A. They believed God v. 5

B. They humbled themselves - 5-7
No empty formality with mere external religious trappings -
signs of humiliation and grief - Evil must be confessed and
renounced.
*They got ahead & rest of
above verses*

C. They prayed for mercy 8

D. They turned from their evil 8

2. Note why they responded this way 9

(1) Became conscious of their wickedness -
Felt a deep condemnation for sin - troubled by their sin -
weeping over their sin.

(2) Became aware of God's Plan to deal with
them in judgment Every normal man should realize this. God
will deal with sin, sooner or later. 40 days left.

(3) Became convicted that the preachers Sermon
was the truth of God. No one could miss its meaning, no one
could escape it. He never changed his message, He repeated
and kept repeating until understood by all.

3. Note How God Responded to Their Repentance 10
God's amazing mercy and grace worked and for-
giveness was wrought.
God does not forgive until men confess and for-
sake their sins in genuine repentance.