

JONAH

part 2

Jonah 3-4

Last lesson we learned how Jonah chose to go contrary to God's plan. In spite of this the Lord saw fit to change his mind and put Jonah on the right path. In this lesson we will study Jonah's actions after his "Fish Experience".

1) What did God command Jonah to do?

Jonah 3:1-2

2) Unlike the last time, Jonah decided to listen to God and take the message to Nineveh. How did the people take his message from the Lord?

Jonah 3:3-5

3) What can we learn from the citizens of Nineveh when a call to change was preached in their city? If the Lord sends someone to inform us to change, how should we take this message and what actions should we do?

4) What was the King's decree to the people of Nineveh?

Jonah 3:6-9

5) As with most communities, your leadership really sets the standard for everyone. As a leader in what God has given you, how can your actions help or hinder the people around you?

6) How did God respond to the people's show of repentance?

Jonah 3:10

7) What can we learn from God in how we should treat people even our enemies? Read the scriptures below for more information.

Mark 11:25-26, Ephesians 4:31-32, Matthew 9:35-36

8) After a successful evangelistic effort in Nineveh what was Jonah's response?

Jonah 4:1-3

9) Can you imagine a Pastor or Minister having a successful evangelistic effort that an entire city of people who had no interest in God decided to change their lives for Him. Almost any other person would be thrilled. But Jonah's reaction shows how much he despised the Assyrians. What can make people so angry or mad at another group that you would rather see them destroyed even if God can save them?

10) What did the Lord do to Jonah during the prophet's anger?

Jonah 4:4-8

11) What was the response from both God and Jonah after the plant's death?

Jonah 4:9-10

12) While Christ was on the Earth, many religious people desired a sign from Him. What message did Jesus convey to the people and how did he use Jonah as an example?

Matthew 12:38-41; Luke 11:29-32

13) What is the Lord's desire for us to treat our enemies?

Matthew 5:43-48; Luke 6:27-36; Exodus 23:4-5; Acts 7:59-60

14) Looking at the book of Jonah, why would God want this particular prophet to be included in the Bible? He clearly had flaws and openly disobeyed God. Yet, his ministry was effective even against Jonah's wishes.

15) Name at least one thing you can learn and tell others about what you have learned about any parts from the book of Jonah.

Just a Thought

Right now, it might be tough to go out of your way to help someone who is your enemy. So just to get you started, pick one person or group who you might enmity towards and pray for them that God will bless and take care of their needs.