

“Second Chance – OR – Last Chance?”

Jonah 3:1-10

INTRODUCTION: “Go! ... No!” ... Whoa!” – 2:10

3:1 – “*second time*” – Failure doesn’t have to be permanent.

- A fresh command gives Jonah a fresh beginning.

3:2 – God’s message doesn’t change – **1:2a**

- “*Arise*” – Your “*Nineveh*” is outside this church.
- “*go*” – Don’t just invite them to come where you are.

3:3 – See **1:3a**

1.- JONAH REPENTED

- The last step in repentance is OBEDIENCE – 2 Peter 2:22
- **3:3b** – Nineveh was a “*great city*”, full of great sin.
- **3:4** – Jonah was preaching condemnation, not for conversions.
- Why “*forty days*”? A time of testing, then judgment.

2.- NINEVEH REPENTED – 3:5

- God took the initiative – **2:9b** – “*Salvation is of the LORD.*”
- This was a “*God-thing*” ... God prepared their hearts.
- “*Before you talk to someone about God ... talk to God about the someone.*”
- “*sackcloth*” – They SHOWED their misery over their sin.
 - Are we too “*comfortable*” in our sin today?
- **3:6** – God touched the King’s heart, as well.
- **3:7** – Condemnation isn’t mentioned ... only their repentance.
- What happens when sin is exposed today? Matthew 12:41

EVIDENCES OF REPENTANCE:

- 1.- **3:7b** – A Change Of Appetite ... A Cessation Of Sin
 - 2.- **3:8** – A Change Of Action ... A Confession Of Sin – Mt. 3:8
 - 3.- **3:9** – A Change Of Attitude ... A Conviction Of Sin –
2 Corinthians 7:10
- **3:9** – The King knows they didn’t deserve God’s forgiveness.

3.- GOD REPENTED – 3:10 – Malachi 3:6

- God’s proclamation of condemnation was conditional – **1:2**

CONCLUSION: “forty days”

- SALVATION and RESTORATION are a “*limited time offer*” -
Revelation 3:20, Hebrews 2:3