

18 – NINEVEH (JONAH 3:1-4:11)

I. Jonah's Obedience (Jonah 3:1-10)

A. The Call Renewed (Jonah 3:1-2)

- The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time telling him to go to Nineveh.
- Jonah was to prophesy against the city with the message that the Lord tells him.

B. The Journey to Nineveh (Jonah 3:3)

- In obedience to the Lord, Jonah traveled to Nineveh.
- The writer describes Nineveh as a great city that takes three days to travel across.

C. His Ministry in Nineveh (Jonah 3:4)

- Jonah entered the city and proclaimed a simple message.
- He proclaimed that in forty days the city Nineveh will be overthrown.

D. The Response of Nineveh (Jonah 3:5-9)

1. The People Respond (Jonah 3:5)

- People, from every level of society, believed God and humbled themselves.

2. The King Responds (Jonah 3:6-9)

- When the king heard the word of the prophet, he humbled himself and made a proclamation.
- The king called for all the people and their animals to be humbled.
- The king proclaimed that it is possible that God will turn away his anger.

E. The Lord Relents (Jonah 3:10)

- The Lord saw their works of humility and their turning away from their evil ways.
- The Lord relented from his declaration and did not bring judgment upon them.

II. Jonah's Anger (Jonah 4:1-11)

A. Jonah Reacts (Jonah 4:1-3)

- Jonah was very displeased when the Lord relented and became angry.

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- Jonah prayed and told the Lord that this is why he fled from His presence.
- Jonah stated that he knew that the Lord was gracious and merciful.
- Jonah stated that the Lord was slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness.
- Jonah also stated that the Lord was one who relents from doing harm.
- Jonah asks the Lord to take his life, since it would be better that he died.

B. The Lord's Responds (Jonah 4:4)

- The Lord asks Jonah if it is right for him to be angry.

C. The Plant (Jonah 4:5-8)

- Jonah went out of the city and positioned himself to see what would happen.
- The Lord prepared a plant to cover over Jonah and provide him needed shade.
- Jonah was grateful for the plant.
- However, the Lord prepared a worm to damage the plant and it died.
- Then the Lord prepared the sun and a bitter east wind to beat down on Jonah.
- Once again, Jonah wished to die.

D. The Lord's Interaction With Jonah (John 4:9-11)

- The Lord asked Jonah if it was right for him to be angry about the plant dying.
- Jonah replied that it was right for him to be angry to the point of death.
- The Lord pointed out that Jonah had pity on a plant that he did not plant.
- The Lord questions whether he should not also have pity on 120,000 ignorant people and their animals.