

When God goes on mission: Jonah Part 3 - Surprising Repentance

Intro: A shocking picture of the future which you keenly wish to avoid

Repentance — Active, tangible, turning from & turning to

Previously in Jonah ...

1. An obedient (at last!) prophet with an essential, clear engaging message

Straightforward announcement

Engaging & relevant message — it effects your neighbourhood!

Horrifying image: A city overthrown

Are all disasters specific, targeted acts of God's judgement?

2. Surprising Repentance

The great plot twist for the first readers

Tangible signs of repentance

Repentance without certainty: "who knows ... maybe?"

God relents — undeserved, unmerited, gracious salvation

3. Jonah as a prophecy to Ancient Israel

Satire with sting/Pagan Nineveh puts Privileged but disobedient Israel to shame

4. Jonah 3 is a word from God to US

Our perilous position — we need to repent.

God's reasonable judgment — we ought to repent.

An urgent message — it's time to repent.

A certain hope — there is mercy when we repent. 1 John 1:9