

# JONAH God's Relentless Grace

## God's Relenting in Our Repentance (Jonah 3:1-10)

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### The Persistence of God's Grace (Jonah 3:1-3a)

**Jonah 3:1-3a** Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." <sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh.

- God is persistent with grace toward both the Ninevites (in their \_\_\_\_\_) and Jonah (in his \_\_\_\_\_).

### The Ninevites Turn Toward God's Grace (Jonah 3:3b-9)

**Jonah 3:3b-9** Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." <sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. <sup>6</sup> When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. <sup>7</sup> This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. <sup>8</sup> But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. <sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

- God graciously pursues us through \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalm 19:1-2** The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. <sup>2</sup> Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

- God graciously pursues us through our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 2:14-15** <sup>14</sup> Even Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. <sup>15</sup> They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.

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**Psalm 19:7** <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

**Hebrews 4:12** <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

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**Romans 3:21-25** <sup>21</sup> But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.

### God Turns with Blessing (Jonah 3:10)

**Jonah 3:10** <sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

- God is always \_\_\_\_\_ and graciously \_\_\_\_\_ to the actions of people – for our good and His glory.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

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