

Jonah Chapter 3

God and Jonah are reconciled.

Jonah's commission is renewed. Now he obeys. No mention of the fact that Jonah had disobeyed the first time. We might think that he had been disqualified. Now it's time to get back to the plan. Jonah has been restored.

God will give him the message he is to preach.

Jonah had the grace after he had gone through affliction.

Jonah went immediately. Wasted no time. According to the word of the Lord.

The message is repentance. Message to a great *Gentile* city. Jonah cries it out.

God's message was not altered to make Jonah feel better. Message was the same.

Punishment would be from God. The city had a time to hear the message and consider it. Wickedness of the city cried out for judgment but there is time.

The people believe and repent. Everyone : fasting and humbling themselves. Then the king also. He also humbles himself. Proclaims fasting and repentance throughout the kingdom. People and animals. He hopes that God will relent.

Jonah did NOT tell them *how* to repent. They believed God. No sacrifices; just contrite and repentant hearts. He only preached one message.

God relented when he saw that they turned from their evil ways.

Israel had MANY prophets and they continued in rebellion. Killed the prophets. The prophets were their own people. Nineveh had ONE prophet, who was a stranger, and they repented.

Matthew 12:39-42