



“An Army of One”

Jonah 3:1-10 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction –*Nineveh was a great city. It was an economic powerhouse and virtually impregnable militarily. But God laid siege to it and conquered it with an army of one.*

I. The Power of God.

- A. God likes to use what is weak to magnify His power.
- B. God’s power is especially present and at work when we share the Gospel message.
- C. Jonah’s successful mission in Nineveh was not Jonah’s doing, but God working powerfully through Jonah’s witness and God’s Word.
- D. Jonah came as a witness of YHWH’s grace.
- E. Jonah came with a message from God.

II. The Prayer That God Hears.

- A. God hears the prayer of faith.
- B. In response to Jonah’s testimony and message, the Ninevites believed in God.

- C. From the Ninevites we learn that the prayer of faith is accompanied by three things:
 - 1. Humbling
 - 2. Turning
 - 3. Appealing

III. The Promise of Repentance.

- A. Repentance holds the promise of receiving God’s grace.
- B. What is repentance in the Bible?
 - 1. Hebrew: *Nacham*
 - 2. Greek: *Metanoia*
 - 3. It means to change your mind and turn from something.
- C. What did the Ninevites repent of?
 - “Evil deeds” and “Wicked ways”
- D. What did God “repent” of? How can God change His mind?
 - 1. God’s “repentance” isn’t the same as our repentance.
 - 2. God’s “repentance” works in consort with His promises.
- E. God’s wrath is a present and universal reality in judgment for sin and wickedness.
- F. While believers will not experience God’s eternal wrath, they will experience His temporal wrath in the form of discipline for their sins.

Conclusion.