

“The Extent of God’s Gracious Mercy” 6/21/09

Jonah 3:1-10

"For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." (Rom 15:4)

"Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come." (1Cor 10:11)

Jonah 1- God’s Tenacious Mercy

Jonah 2- God’s Mercy needs to be embraced... it endures forever

POINT 1- The extent of God’s Mercy is demonstrated in its NEWNESS

A. The newness of God’s mercy is given to His PROPHET

"Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness " (Lam 3:22-23)

“The will of God will never lead you where the grace of God can’t keep you and the power of God can’t use you.” Warren Wiersbe (see also 2 Cor 3:5)

- 1) God uses the imperfect to do His work- after they repent.
(Abraham, Noah, Elijah, David, Paul, Peter- Acts 10)
- 2) God’s command doesn’t change!
- 3) Revival comes through God’s message, not ours (2 Tim 4:1-5; Rom 10:17)

Going *God wants you to repent and receive His fresh mercy!*
Deeper

POINT 2- The extent of God’s Mercy is demonstrated in its RICHNESS

A. The richness of God’s mercy is offered to an unbelieving PEOPLE

- 1) The offer of mercy is connected with judgment (John 3:16-19; Luke 13:3)
- 2) There is a time frame (Heb 9:27; Gen 18:20-22; 15:16; 2 Cor 6:2)
- 3) God’s mercy is mitigated by man (Jonah does minimum; James 2:15-16)
Ezekiel 33:11; Acts 10; 22:21-22
- 4) God’s mercy came after thorough repentance (2 Cor 7:10; Isa 58:5-8)
- 5) God’s mercy comes with assurance (John 10:28; 1 John 5:13; Jer 7:16; 14:11; 11:14)

Going *God wants you to embrace His rich mercy while it is available!*
Deeper **Matt 12:28-41**

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us" (Eph 2:4)