

JONAH



Repentance

JONAH 3:1-10

Exodus 34:6-7 NIV

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷ maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”



Jonah 3:1-2 NIV

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:
² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”



Jonah 3:3-5 NIV

Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴ Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.



Jonah 3:6 NIV

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.



Jonah 3:7-9 NIV

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. ⁸ 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. ⁹ Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”



Jonah 3:10 NIV

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.



Amos 3:2, 7 NIV

“You only have I chosen of all the families of the earth;
therefore I will punish you for all your sins.”

⁷ Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing
his plan to his servants the prophets.



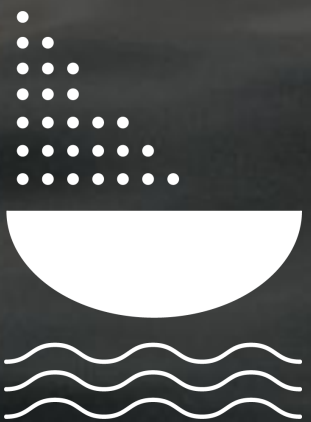
Amos 5:6 NIV

Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the tribes of Joseph like a fire; it will devour them, and Bethel will have no one to quench it.



Amos 5:14-15 NIV

Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. ¹⁵ Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.



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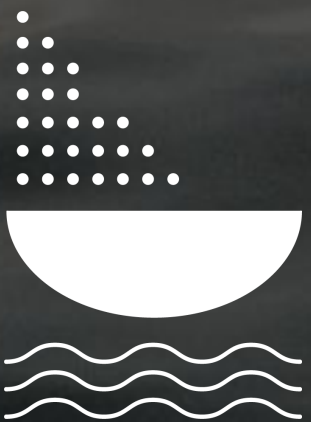
Romans 2:4 NIV

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?



2 Corinthians 7:10 NIV

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

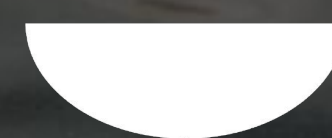


Galatians 6:1 NIV

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.



**When repentance comes tomorrow, today brings slavery.
When repentance comes today, tomorrow brings freedom.**



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Living in this present broken world is designed by God to produce longing, readiness, and hope in me.

- Paul David Tripp, *New Morning Mercies*

