

Introduction

1. God demands repentance for all people ([Acts 17:30-31](#); [2 Pt. 3:9](#))
 - a. John preached repentance ([Mt. 3:1-2](#))
 - b. Jesus preached repentance ([Mt. 4:17](#))
 - c. The apostles preached repentance ([Mk. 6:12](#))
2. Great lessons on repentance are learned from the book of Jonah
 - a. A disobedient Jonah
 - b. A repentant Jonah
 - c. A repentant city

A Disobedient Jonah

1. Jonah was required by God to cry (preach [Jon. 3:2](#)) to the Assyrian capital city of Nineveh because of their wickedness ([Jon. 1:1-2](#))
 - a. Instead of going Northeast to Nineveh, Jonah fled Southwest to Joppa to go far west to the port city of Tarshish ([Jon. 1:3](#))
2. God sent a great storm on the Mediterranean Sea ([Jon. 1:4](#))
 - a. Fear struck the mariners, but not Jonah ([Jon. 1:5](#))
 - b. Jonah was questioned, and his people revealed ([Jon. 1:6-9](#))
 - c. More fear followed ([Jon. 1:10](#))
 - d. A solution to the storm was provided by Jonah ([Jon. 1:11-12](#))
 - e. There was initial reluctance to the solution by the mariners, but ultimately, they complied ([Jon. 1:13-15](#))
 - f. The result was great reverence for the LORD, and an aquatic attitude adjustment for Jonah ([Jon. 1:16-17](#))

A Repentant Jonah

1. Jonah offers a prayer to the God of Heaven indicating a change of mind ([Jon. 2:1-9](#))
 - a. This is what repentance is: a change of mind that leads to a change of life
2. God accepted this change and had the fish throw Jonah up onto dry land ([Jon. 2:10](#))

A Repentant City

1. God spoke to Jonah the second time with the same message as before ([Jon. 3:1-2](#))
 - a. This time Jonah went and preached showing his repentance ([Jon. 3:3-4](#))
2. The message was well received by the people of Nineveh and they repented ([Jon. 3:5-9](#))
 - a. Repentance was seen by proclaiming a fast and putting on sackcloth ([Jon. 3:5](#))
 - b. Repentance was seen in the king of Nineveh covering himself with sackcloth and sitting in ashes ([Jon. 3:6](#))
 - c. Repentance was seen in the decree of the king and his nobles ([Jon. 3:7-9](#))
3. God saw their works of repentance and spared the city ([Jon. 3:10](#))
 - a. This is what God wants to do with every single sinner! ([Mt. 9:13](#))

Conclusion

1. Tragically, the end of the book of Jonah shows an angry Jonah at Nineveh's repentance and God's mercy ([Jon. 4:1-3](#))
 - a. God asks Jonah a powerful question ([Jon. 4:4](#))
 - b. God teaches Jonah a powerful lesson ([Jon. 4:5-11](#))
2. God demands repentance for all people ([Acts 17:30-31](#); [2 Pt. 3:9](#))
 - a. We do not want to be like the Jonah of [Jonah 4](#) nor the people of Nineveh as seen in the book of Nahum
 - b. Let us be like the Jonah of [Jonah 2](#) and the people of Nineveh in [Jonah 3](#)
3. One greater than Jonah has come, will we change our minds to conform our lives with His will ([Mt. 12:41](#))?