

The Repentant Yes

Put Your Yes on the Table #1 - Pastor Jonathan Combs - May 26, 2019 - Jonah 2:1-3:3

Isaiah 26:8 (NIV) Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.

Jonah 2:1-3:3 (ESV) ¹ Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, ² saying, "I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. ³ For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. ⁴ Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.' ⁵ The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head ⁶ at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God. ⁷ When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. ⁸ Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. ⁹ But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!" ¹⁰ And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land. ^{3:1} Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord.

HOW TO GIVE GOD OUR REPENTANT YES:

1. _____ God's Work.

Psalms 66:17-20 (NLT) For I cried out to him for help, praising him as I spoke. If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But God did listen! He paid attention to my prayer. Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer or withdraw his unfailing love from me.

Psalms 77:11-12 (NKJV) I will remember the works of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old. I will also meditate on all Your work, And talk of Your deeds.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NLT) For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

2. _____ God's Correction.

Proverbs 3:11-12 (NLT) My child, don't reject the Lord's discipline, and don't be upset when he corrects you. For the Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.

2 Corinthians 7:10 (GW) In fact, to be distressed in a godly way causes people to change the way they think and act and leads them to be saved. No one can regret that. But the distress that the world causes brings only death.

3. _____ God's Calling.

1 Timothy 2:4 (ESV) [God] who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Titus 2:11 (ESV) For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.

Acts 17:30 (ESV) ... He commands all people everywhere to repent.

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV) ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."