

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

10-15-17 Ken Carlton

Title: THE PROPHET & THE KING

Main Text: Jonah 3:6-9

Sermon Description: Jonah's message to Nineveh is not exactly an ideal example of a well balanced gospel presentation we might hold up as a model for seminary students. The ideal mix of 'law & gospel' does not appear to be a concern for him. His 8 word sermon is heavy on the judgement side of things as he calls out in the streets of this pagan city: "yet 40 days and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" Jonah in fact was not at all interested in mercy for this city. He would later resent the fact that God was gracious to them, relenting of His threatened destruction upon their repentance. Even the verbiage of Jonah's pronouncement recalled former devastating judgements of God. The term "overthrown" was used in former days to describe the coming doom of Sodom and Gomorrah. Yet in spite of all this, repentance swept city-wide like a wildfire of revival and proved this moment one of the singular events of evangelism in all recorded history! Who deserves the glory for this response? Certainly not Jonah or his pagan hearers. No; Yahweh Himself, the only wise God has done this. Glory to Him alone who has all power to execute and all wisdom to establish (Ps 74). Daniel, having received the Word of God himself for a powerful pagan kingdom confessed (Dan 2:20) "Blessed be the name of God forever, and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding."

Heading: ...THE KING'S 4 FOLD RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD...

1. HE CONCEDED HIS SOVEREIGNTY (Jonah 3:6)

- a. Descending the throne
- b. Changing clothes (I Sam 19:18-24)
- c. Posture in ashes

2. HE COMMANDED A FAST (3:7-8a)

- a. Law reformation (Dan 6:25-28)
- b. Extensive decree (I Sam 15:10-23)
- c. Fasting (Neh 9:1-6, Lev 23:26-32)

3. HE CALLED FOR REPENTANCE (3:8)

- a. Call out mightily
- b. Evil ways (Mat 12:41)
- c. Violent hands

4. HE CONFESSED FAITH IN GOD (3:9)

- a. Nabu vs. Yahweh
- b. Precedent (Dan 4:34-37)
- c. Application (I Tim 2:1-4)

AIM: TO GLORIFY GOD & ENCOURAGE HIS CHURCH RECOUNTING HIS POWER TO REDEEM.

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Nationwide repentance	King vs. Prophet	Godly law	Sackcloth & fasting	Kings humbled	Application
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Jonah 3:6-9	I Sam 19:18-24	Dan 6:25-28	Neh 9:1-6	Dan 4:34-37	I Tim 2:1-4

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: ...Jonah 3:10-4:4 ...God's rhetorical questions...