

SERMON NOTES

ARISE, GO TO NINEVEH

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1. **The Word of the Lord came to:**

- **Jonah** - Jonah 1:1 — God speaks directly to His servant.
- **Other examples:** Hebrews 1:1; Genesis 15:1; 1 Samuel 15:10; 2 Samuel 7:4; 1 Kings 18:1; Jeremiah 1:4; Ezekiel 1:3; Zephaniah 1:1; Haggai 1:1; Zechariah 1:1

2. **Jonah, Son of Amittai**

- **Called to obedience, yet reluctant** — Jonah 1:1; 2 Kings 14:25

3. **God's Command** - Jonah 1:2 — “Arise, go to Nineveh”

- Matthew 28:19 — “Go therefore...”
- John 3:16 — God’s heart for the nations.
- **Nineveh’s Wickedness** — Jonah 1:2; Genesis 4:10 / 18:20

4. **Jonah’s Response**

- Jonah 1:3 — He fled from the presence of the Lord.
- Related passages: Genesis 3:8–9; Psalm 139:7–9
- **He went down** — Jonah 1:3, 5 / 2:6 - disobedience always leads downward.

5. **The Lord’s Intervention**

- Jonah 1:4 — “But the Lord sent...”
- **The storm exposes Jonah’s flight** — Jonah 1:5–6
- **The Lord’s dealings with Jonah** — Jonah 1:7–17

6. **God’s Provision**

- Jonah 1:17 — “The Lord prepared a great fish”
- Compare: Genesis 1:21
- **Three days and Three Nights** — Matthew 12:38–40; Hosea 6:2
- **A foreshadow of Christ’s burial and resurrection:** Jonah 2:3, 5; Matthew 27:59; Psalm 40:2; Colossians 2:12

7. **Prayer, Praise, and Deliverance**

- Jonah 2:1 — Jonah prayed.
- Jonah 2:9–10 — Praise leads to victory.

8. **God’s Word a Second Time**

- Jonah 3:1 — The call comes again (compare Jeremiah 1:13 / 13:3)

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9. Nineveh Repents

- Jonah 3:5 — The people believed God.
- **The king humbled himself:** Jonah 3:6–8
- **Turning from evil:** Matthew 3:2 / 4:17; Acts 2:38
- **Jesus affirmed Nineveh's repentance:** Matthew 12:41
- Compare Pharaoh's hardness: Exodus 8:15

10. Revival

- Jonah 3:6 — Humility and repentance led to transformation.
- Acts 8:6–8 — When people turned to God, there was great joy in the city.
- True revival brings both repentance and rejoicing.

11. Jonah's Struggle, God's Compassion

- Jonah 4:1 — Jonah was displeased.
- Jonah 4:11 — God's mercy extends to all.
- **God's grace:** Jonah 1:17; Ephesians 2:4