

**ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE - APRIL 23, 2017**

**TOPIC: GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL BLESSINGS!**

Sermon 3: *God's Power!*

**TEXT:** Jonah 3:1-10

**INTRO:** Background of Jonah 3!

In Jonah 3, here we see God's power. It is obviously seen through:

**I. THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD: vv.1-2, esp. v.2**

1. People need to hear it - vv.2-4 cf. Romans 10:17

- Rev. Ben Hegeman

2. People need to hear it because it SAVES lives - v.5-6

Note: The Lord Jesus alluded to this in Matthew 12:39-41

3. People need to hear it because it CHANGES lives - vv. 8-10

Note: "violence" (v.8b) =their chief sin! -cf. Nah. 3:1-3

"True repentance always brings about change!" - II Corinthians 5:17

**II. THE OBEDIENCE OF GOD'S SERVANT: vv.3-4**

Note: When we submit to God's command in sharing the Gospel to others, great things happen!

1. The good "news" of the Gospel "infects" - v.6a

Note: The Word of God will affect others' lives positively! - Isaiah 55:11

2. Great people are moved and saved! - vv.6-9

Note: Here, a royal blood, a king, got saved!

- Col. Sanders Found The Secret!

"When was the last time you shared the Gospel to others!"

**III. THE GIVING OF GOD'S SECOND CHANCE: v.1**

Note: God is the God of second chance!

1. God has promised us of His ever-abiding presence - Hebrews 13:5b

2. God will continually use us mightily for His own honour and glory - vv.4-9

Note: In verse 4, just on his first day of preaching in Nineveh, God had sent a great revival by saving the greatest and the meanest of men!

"Don't despair. God is the God of second chance!"

**CONCLUSION:** God is the God of second chance!

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**God's Power - Story of J.C. Penney!**

In 1929, J.C. Penney's business was highly unstable. So he began to worry, and became sleepless. He worried to the extreme, and contracted shingles! In the hospital, Penney was given medicine to tranquilize him, but it did not help. He still worried about his business.

One night, he felt that he would die before morning, and so he started writing farewells to his wife, son, and friends. But by the next morning, as he was lying on his bed, he heard singing from the hospital chapel next door:

"No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you..."

Suddenly, he leaned up, thinking: "It is real! God loves and cares for me." In no time, he jumped out of his bed, and entered the chapel. And then a miracle took place in his soul, as if he were a little bird suddenly freed to fly out of the dungeon into the sunlight, from hell to paradise! - Paul L. Tan

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**Verse For Today**

***"Your right Hand, O LORD, is majestic in power!"***

**- Exodus 15:6**

**Food For Thought**

"Never measure God's unlimited power by your limited expectations!" - ODB.org