

THE ROGUE PROPHET

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“Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. 3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.” (Jonah 1:1-3)

INTRODUCTION

1. God Operates According to His Divine

“Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.” (Psalm 135:6)

- A. God Perceives the Wickedness of Nineveh
- B. He Prompts Jonah to Go and Preach

2. The _____ of Our Hearts Is to Run from God

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9)

“Because the carnal mind is enmity against God.” (Romans 8:7)

“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” (1 Corinthians 2:14)

- A. Jonah Understood God’s Request, but He Would Not Accept It

B. He Chose to Run from God's Presence

"But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. And he prayed unto the Lord, and said, I pray thee, O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil." (Jonah 4:1-2)

3. When You _____ to God's Leading, He May _____ Your Agenda

"The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect." (Psalm 33:10)

A. God Sends a Storm

B. God Singles Out Jonah

"The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord." (Proverbs 16:33)

C. God Shows Grace Throughout

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." (Hebrews 12:6)

4. The Appropriate Response to God's Grace Is _____

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;" (Titus 2:11-12)

A. God's Grace Invites Us to Participate in Something Greater Than Ourselves

B. God's Grace Enables Us to Live in Joyful Obedience to God's Word

CONCLUSION _____



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