

Jonah 3:4

by Chuck Smith

Chuck Smith emphasizes the importance of repentance, encouraging listeners to turn to God with the promise of forgiveness and blessing through Christ.

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:14, Isaiah 55:7, Jonah 3:4, Matthew 12:41, Luke 15:7, Romans 2:4, Hebrews 4:16, 2 Peter 3:9, 1 John 1:9, Revelation 3:15-16

Topics: "Hope in Christ", "Repentance"

Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the urgency of repentance, drawing parallels between the Ninevites' response to Jonah's singular warning and today's need for believers to recognize their own sins and divisions. He highlights that while the Ninevites had only one monotonous message of destruction, modern believers have a message filled with hope and promises for the repentant. Smith urges that, despite the judgment that may come, there is still hope for redemption through Christ, who offers forgiveness and blessings to those who turn back to Him. He calls for a recognition of the greater message of grace available today compared to the past.

Transcript

"WHO CAN TELL"

I. WELL MIGHT THEY RISE IN JUDGMENT.

A. Only had one warning.

1. "He being often reprov'd."

B. Only heard one prophet.

1. Thousands of ministers.

C. Only heard one monotonous message.

1. Message of destruction.

2. No hope presented in message.

3. Nothing mentioned about repentance.

4. No promises even if they did repent. Today message of love full of promises to the repentant.

II. THEY REPENTED WITH ONLY ONE HOPE.

A. We can tell.

1. Today we are in need of repentance.

a. "Our sins an abomination to God."

b. Our divisions are repulsive to Him.

c. Our luke-warmness nauseates Him.

d. Our lack of faith displeasing.

B. He has allowed judgment to come on far better than we...but -

"Who can tell" "If my people which are called by my name."

C. We have far more encouragement to repent than the Ninevites.

III. BEHOLD A GREATER THAN JONAH IS HERE.

A. Christ is here to forgive the penitent, to bless the obedient.

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