

AMAZING GRACE

**The Grace of God's Salvation
(Jonah 3)**



“Grace is God’s free and unmerited favor shown to guilty sinners who deserve only judgment. It is the love of God shown to the unlovely. It is God reaching downward to people who are in rebellion against Him.”



Jerry Bridges, Transforming Grace

KEY POINT

God uses imperfect people lead others to him.



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an artist's depiction of Nineveh



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A close-up photograph of a whale's tail fin, also known as a fluke, as it breaks the surface of the water. The fin is dark and has a characteristic T-shape. The water around it is slightly white with foam from the splash.

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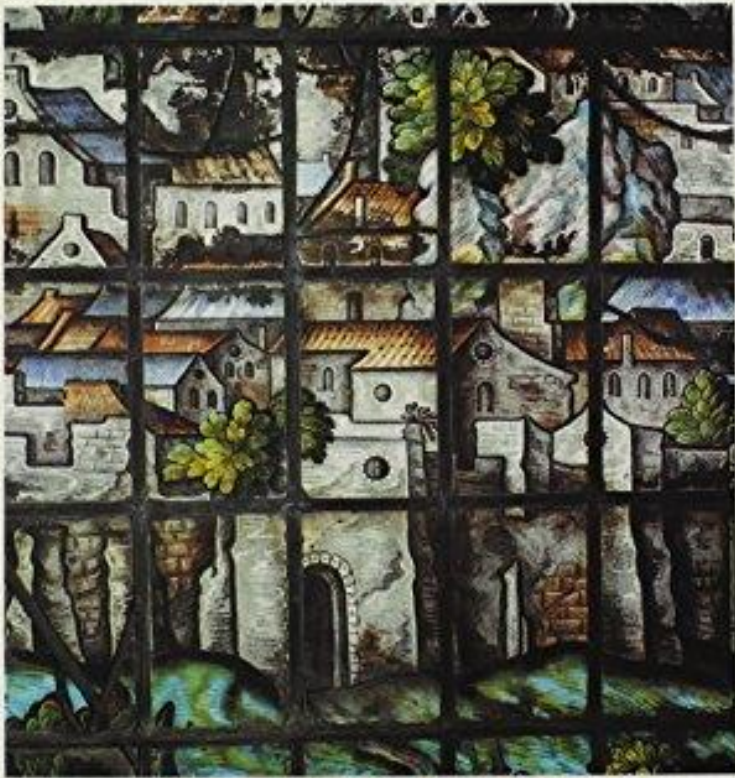
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B. The revival sobered many (vs. 5b).

GENEVA SERIES OF COMMENTARIES

JONAH



Hugh Martin

“Repentance, springing from a true fear of God and a true sight of sin, manifests itself in a dutiful obedience to God’s law and jealous abstinence from sin.

True and saving repentance is not a mere shaking off the evil fruit from the tree, and tying in better fruit of a better appearance.

It is the changing of the tree’s very nature; and good fruit is then naturally brought forth, and not artificially appended.”

Other Examples of Fasting in the O.T.

- **Samuel helping remove the idols from Israel in I Samuel 7:6**
- **King Ahab repented in I Kings 21:27-29**
- **Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem in Nehemiah 1:4**
- **Daniel repented on behalf of the nation in Babylonian Captivity in Daniel 9:3**

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“If the miracle of the fish is great, that miracle of this chapter is greater. For here is the record of nothing less than the greatest mass conversion in history. Though generalities must always be used with caution, we may say that never again has the world seen anything quite like the result of Jonah’s preaching to Nineveh.”

**James Montgomery Boice,
his commentary on Jonah**

**“When sparked by the preaching of God’s Word,
a true work of His Spirit knows no social boundaries.
Not restricted to a particular economic class,
ethnic group, or religious denomination,
a heaven-sent spiritual awakening extends from ...”**



Steve Lawson, *Famine in the Land*



“... top to bottom, touching all classes of people. Not limited to one particular homogeneous unity, it transcends all cultural differences and social barriers. Only the preaching of God’s Word can bring about such a thorough, across-the-board response.”



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D. The revival sanctified many (vs. 9-10).



**“The heart is so hard,
the will is so obstinate,
the passions are so furious,
the thoughts are so volatile,
the imagination is so
governable, the desires are so
wild, that the man feels that he
has a den of wild beasts within
him which will eat him up ...”**

Charles Spurgeon, *All of Grace*



“... sooner than they will be ruled by him. ...

A man might as well hope to hold the north wind in the hollow of his hand and expect to control by his own strength those boisterous powers which dwell within his fallen ...”

Charles Spurgeon, *All of Grace*



“... nature. This is a greater feat
than any of the fabled labors
of Hercules;
God is wanted here.”

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Jeremiah 18:8-9

“And if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it.

And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it.”



A Simple Timeline of Salvation

- 1. God sends a preacher to preach the message of salvation.**
 - 2. The preacher preaches or shares the message of salvation.**
 - 3. People listen and hear God's message of salvation being preached.**
 - 4. People want to worship God almost immediately.**
 - 5. God saves those who genuinely repent from eternal destruction.**
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Romans 5:10

“For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.”

