

Change (Jonah 3:1-10)

Introduction

- Is change possible?

i Jonah changes (v1-4)

- What happens in v1-2?
- What does the Lord love to do with repentant backsliders today?
- What does Jonah do in v3-4?
- How does Jonah deliver the Lord's message, and what can we learn from that?
- What has brought about the change in Jonah?
- Did God have to reinstate Jonah?
- Give a biblical example where someone was not given a second chance to serve.
- How, then, has God's grace changed Jonah?
- What should you do if you want to change some area in your Christian life?
- How does Luke 7:47b tie in with this?

ii The Ninevites change (v5-9)

- What happens in v5?
- Why is this astonishing?

- What do they do in addition to believing God?
- What happens in v6-9?
- What brings about this change?
- Why do we have a crisis of confidence in the word of God?
- What is the word of God like?
- Who might change when they hear God's word?
- So what should you do?
- What does Jesus say about the Ninevites in Matthew 12:38-41?
- Why do those words apply to people today?
- What should you do if you are not a Christian?

iii God changes? (v10)

- Why has there been controversy about v10?
- What might the verse seem to imply?
- Which passage says outright that God does not change his mind?
- What actually happens in Jonah 3, then?
- Why should this make us want to glorify God?