



“Learning how NOT to be a Jonah in a Ninevite world”

Sunday, May 28, 2017

A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

Jonah’s Repenting—His Confession (Jonah 2)

Proverbs 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.

Pastor Steve Motes — When you cover your sin, the Holy Spirit will uncover it. When you uncover your sin, the Holy Spirit will cover your sin with the blood of Jesus Christ.

I. Jonah’s _____ of Chastening (v. 1-3)

Q: What does it take to get you to pray?

1. The reason for his _____ (v. 2)

2. The _____ in his prayer (v. 3)

Jonah understood that all of this affliction was the chastening hand of a loving God (Proverbs 3:11-12 / Hebrews 12:5-6).

B. Jonah's Prayer of _____ (v. 3-8)

1. His sin brought _____ (v. 4)

Isaiah 59:1 Behold, the **LORD'S** hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither **His** ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your **God**, and your sins have hid **His** face from you, that **He** will not hear.

This idea of “*looking again toward Thy holy temple*” takes us back to Solomon’s words when he dedicated the temple. (1 Kings 8:38-39; 2 Chronicles 6:36-39)

2. His sin brought _____ (v. 5-6a)

3. His Sovereign brought _____ (v. 6b)

4. His separation brought _____ (v. 7-8)

C. Jonah’s Promise of _____ (v. 9-10)

Forgiveness is not the end of the chastening hand of God. He desires a change of action.

Hebrews 12:10-11 For they [*earthly fathers*] verily for a few days chastened *us* after their own pleasure; but **He** for *our* profit [*spiritual good*], that *we* might be partakers of **His** holiness [*Christ-likeness*]. **11** Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous [*enjoyable*], but grievous [*painful*]: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised [*trained*] thereby.

