

Jonah

To Obey? Or Not to Obey...



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Sermon notes:

1. God is _____ and full of _____ !
2. God does _____ when you _____
3. God is more than _____ to give _____

4. God wants us to _____ Him, and _____
with Him.

“There’s some task which the God of all the universe, the great Creator, your redeemer in Jesus Christ has for you to do, and which will remain undone and incomplete until by faith and obedience you step into the will of God.”

~ Alan Redpath Pastor/ Teacher

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Study Notes:

DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever felt like “My whole life passed before my eyes” -What happened?
2. What keeps you from doing something you believe God wants you to do?
 - a. I’m comfortable where I am.
 - b. I don’t want to make waves.
 - c. I’m not qualified
 - d. I’m afraid I might not be hearing God correctly.

INTO THE WORD

3. In Chapter 1 & 2, what do you see as surprising about God’s command? And, from what we hear from Jonah, why do you think he tried to evade and disobey God?
4. What do you make of the fact that Jonah prays “inside the fish” (2:1), and uses verbs in the past tense, almost as though God has already answered prayer?
5. In Chapter 3 what evidence do you see that God is a God of “second chances”? Have you ever felt that God gave you a “second chance”? Have you ever ignored a “second chance”?
6. Looking at chapter 4, Jonah experienced three things from God. What do you think the vine, the worm, and the hot sun reveal about God? What do they reveal about Jonah?

APPLICATION

7. Share some thing you think God might be asking of you.
8. Is there something in your life that you are desperate enough to pray with hope as Jonah does?

“Wherever you are, be all there.

Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God.”

~ Jim Elliot, martyred in the jungles of Ecuador; January, 1956