

## REAL REPENTANCE

### Jonah 3:4-10

#### I. **Real repentance comes through the preaching of God's Word (4).**

Acts 2:37-38: Now **when they heard *this***, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said to them, "**Repent**, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 10:17: So then **faith *comes by hearing***, and hearing by the word of God.

#### II. **Real repentance effects belief (5a).**

Mark 1:15: and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. **Repent, and believe** in the gospel."

Acts 20:21: testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, **repentance toward God and faith** toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### III. **Real repentance effects actions (5b).**

Jeremiah 31:19: Surely, after my turning, **I repented**; and after I was instructed, **I struck myself on the thigh**; I was ashamed, yes, even humiliated, because I bore the reproach of my youth.'

Luke 15:18-19: I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."

#### IV. **Real repentance effects change (6-10).**

##### A. **It effects a change in us (6-9).**

Matthew 3:8: Therefore **bear fruits worthy of repentance**,

Acts 26:20: but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and *then to the Gentiles*, ***that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.***

##### B. **It effects a change in God (10).**

Ezekiel 18:30-32: "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. "**Repent**, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. **For why should you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,**" says the Lord GOD. "**Therefore turn and live!**"

2 Peter 3:9: The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is **longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**

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