

# God's Amazing Grace

Jonah 3:3-10

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*And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” (v.4b)*

*I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.*  
(4:2)

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*And the people of Nineveh believed God.*  
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*The word reached the king of Nineveh,  
and he arose from his throne, removed his  
robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and  
sat in ashes. (v.6)*

Defining repentance:

“Repentance is a change of mind issuing in a change of life.” - J.I. Packer

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“Repentance is a heartfelt sorrow for sin, a renouncing of it, and a sincere commitment to forsake it and live in obedience to Christ.” - Wayne Grudem

We will feel genuine sorrow over our sin.

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(v.5)

We will turn from our sin.

*Let everyone turn from his evil way and  
from the violence that is in his hands. (v.8b)*

We will turn to God in faith.

*And the people of Nineveh believed  
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*. . . let them call out mightily to God.  
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*When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it. (v.10)*

*If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned.  
(Jer.18:7-8)*