

"FROM ONE PIT TO ANOTHER"

Lesson for February 12, 2023

(Jonah chapter 3)

"The God A Second (Another) Chance"

I. Arise, Go, Preach.....Again!!!

Old Testament

Jonah 3:1-2
Malachi 3:6
Deuteronomy 30:11-20

New Testament

Hebrews 13:8
James 1:17-22
Romans 10:6-15

II. Repentance and Forgiveness

Jonah 3:5-10
Proverbs 25:21

Romans 10:17-21
2Corinthians 7:10
Matthew 5:44-45

Questions for Consideration

1. If God's Word never changes, what is your responsibility as far as the Word is concerned? Have you ever wanted to "erase" parts of the Word?
2. How do you know that the Word is Truth - and you can believe that Truth?
3. Talk about arise, go, and do. How do you see this reflected in your life - both positively and negatively.
4. What are some detriments to the command to arise, go, and do.
5. Look at Jonah 3:10(a) and compare this with James 2:20. How is faith displayed? How did God know that the people had repented?
6. Discuss some "Ninevites" in your life that you would rather not take the Word to - and why.

7. Discuss "Unwilling Obedience." (Read St. Luke 5:4-9)
8. How can obedience be both constructive and destructive? Does it depend on the object of your obedience?

SisStar Reflections

1. Although you cannot see the totality of God's plan, you can cooperate with that part which He requires of you.
2. Evil is always overcome by good - and it is your choice which way you will take.
3. God always gives you another chance to obey His Word. He expects you to be a doer of what you hear and read.
4. When you are obedient to the Word, you may be the catalyst to someone else's salvation.
5. "Hearing" means to take heed and to act on what has been heard. You respond positively to what you have heard.
6. Your faith in the Word of God is seen by the way you obey and live what you have heard.
7. God has given you the Holy Spirit to enable you to obey the Word. Your strength is in the Lord and in the Power of His Might - not in yourself.
8. You have to cooperate with the Holy Spirit and be willing to be a doer of the Word.
9. Your Vertical Relationship is strengthened each day as you continue to draw closer to God. (Jeremiah 29:11-14; James 4:8)
10. If you are willing and obedient, God has promised that you will receive the benefits of that obedience. (Isaiah 1:9)