

WHAT WE BELIEVE – God Provides

The Book of Jonah

What do we believe about God's provisions? Consider how we pray...

- Roof over our heads, food on our tables, clothes on our backs, etc.
- Most of what we often thank God for we have some involvement with!
- How often do we express gratitude to God for the forgiveness of sins?

GOD PROVIDES... We are all people in need of a Savior because we are all sinners in need of saving! God has provided an all-sufficient Savior in Jesus Christ, who suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried, to pay the penalty we all deserve for our sin.

Romans 6:23 – ***“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”***

There is a debt we all owe, that we cannot repay... but God has provided!

Romans 3:22-25 – ***“For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”***

Do we see the forgiveness of our sins & the cancelling of our sin debt, by the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, as God's greatest provision in our lives?

Do we also see this provision of God, given freely to the rest of the world as well? It is for “them” (you can add names here) too, and not just for “us”!

John 3:16 – ***“For God so loved the world (people who look different, believe different, vote different, act different... there's no such thing as those more, or less, deserving of God's love and gift of forgiveness), that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”***

What do we really think about that? What do we really think about such provision from God? And how do “all people” access such provision?

- Believe that it's true... Have faith that it applies... Repent in response...

Acts 3:19 – ***“Repent, & turn back, that your sins may be blotted out...”***

Acts 26:20 – ***“... that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with repentance.”***

God's greatest provision is a free gift, accessible to all through repentance... Have we accessed this gift, and are we ***“keeping with repentance?”***

What does true repentance look like? It looks like an acronym of course...

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E – Evaluating our thoughts and actions according to God's Word!

P – Posturing ourselves for redirection!

E – Earnestly pursuing the Truth!

N – Noticing the heart change!

T – Treasuring the God of grace and His provision for all!

Let's spend the rest of our time in the book of Jonah, to discover together what true ***“repentance”***, & ***“keeping with repentance”*** looks like in practice!

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Where do we see “repentance” in the life of Jonah?

_____ - Jonah 1:12

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Where do we see “repentance” in the life of the king & the Ninevites?

_____ - Jonah 3:5

_____ - Jonah 3:8-10

Where do we see Jonah fail to “keep with repentance”?

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