

Major Profit from Minor Prophets

(Jonah)

- Introduction:
1. If you're interested in Jesus, you should be interested in the prophets.
 2. Revelation 19:10 says that the spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus.
 3. (Luke 24:44) Jesus said that all that had been written of him in the Law, the Psalms, and Prophets must be fulfilled.
 4. The prophets were great and godly men; men who could not be silenced by bribery or threat.
 5. (Matthew 16:13-15) - What a great compliment to the prophets!

I. Brief Background to the book of Jonah

- A. Jonah is a pre-exilic prophet.
- B. It was written about the city of Nineveh.
- C. It was written approximately 780 B.C., approximately 60 years before the Assyrians conquered Israel.

II. Practical Lessons to Learn from Jonah

- A. All Men Accountable to God
 1. (Jonah 1:2).
 2. Just because the Gentiles did not have the law of Moses doesn't mean they were not accountable to God.
 3. Nor does it mean that God did not love them.
- B. We All Run.
 1. The question is whether we will run with God or run from God.
 2. (Jonah 1:3).
 3. (Acts 10:5,23).
- C. Sin Isn't Personal or Private.
 1. Sin, almost always, involves others.
 2. (Jonah 1:12-14).
 3. (Romans 14:7).
- D. Preach What God Tells Us to Preach
 1. (Jonah 3:2).
 2. (Romans 1:16).
- E. Discipline and Repentance Go Hand in Hand.
 1. (Jonah 1:17-2:1).
 2. Discipline is never pleasant, but it results in good (Hebrews 12:5-11).
- F. Guard Your Attitude.
 1. (Jonah 4:1-2).
 2. Don't be angry with God's grace (Matthew 20:1-16).
- G. Jonah Prefigures Jesus
 1. (Matthew 12:40).

- Conclusion:
1. There's so much to learn from the book of Jonah.
 2. Just don't allow the account of the great fish cause you to miss the great God who is revealed in this book.
 3. That same God who loved sinful Nineveh, loves you too and wants you to repent.