

JONAH

Surprise, Surprise, Surprise!!!

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Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:

²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it.

⁴Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

⁶When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. ⁷This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened. Jonah 3:1-10

3 Surprises from Jonah 3

1. Jonah gets _____

For Jonah to survive was probably a surprise to him but to have a second chance should be _____.

“and Jonah _____”

2. _____ response.

8 words Jonah spoke

“Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.”

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- a heightened sense of need for God
 - recognition that there is something greater than physical need.

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- mourning, sorrow over sin and repentance.

3. God's _____

It is not up to us to decide when or to whom He extends grace. But I hope we are surprised by His grace.