

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

March 12, 2017 8:30 & 10:15AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin

MEDITATION

“Thought Questions from Jonah” - opposite page

Announcements		Ron Mock
Doxology		
Prayer and Scripture Reading		Psalm 119:33-40
Hymn 56	“To God Be the Glory”	
Pastoral Prayer		
Hymn of Praise		
Message	THE LOST Luke 15:1-32	Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 185	“Jesus Loves Me”	Benediction

THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Youth Group Monday at 6:30pm
Prayer Meeting Monday from 7-8pm – all welcome
No Tuesday Precept at 6:30pm on James – Wendy Baldwin teaching
Tuesday Bible study at 7pm on Titus - Pastor Cal teaching
Wednesday Men's Bible study – Jim O'Rourke teaching
Choir Rehearsal Wednesday at 7pm
Thursday Precept at 9:15 on Romans – Margaret Was teaching
Ladies fellowship Thursday at 10am – Elsa Peters
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell teaching
The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary

Thought Questions from Jonah

What does the phrase “God relented” in Jonah 3:10 mean in light of the unchanging character of God?

In the King James Version it says “God repented” which is accurate but misleading as God is perfect and thus unable to error or change. The New King James says “God relented” which is more accurate as the word relent means that the Lord was moved to extend grace and mercy to the Ninevites. Thus, the punishment was not executed.

Did Jonah know his own shortcoming? Yes, as the author of the book of Jonah there is the evidence that he sets before us of his short comings. For us, as we see the restoration of Jonah in chapter three, we are comforted that we too who have fallen away from our mission as believers can likewise be restored. What Jonah did not realize was that both he and Nineveh reaped the benefits of the God of mercy and grace.

Jonah writes to the children of Israel of the repentance of Nineveh to cause Israel to be jealous and desire that kind of relationship with God. What the Lord did was to strengthen Nineveh, which was in a decline, so that this nation could judge Israel. If the Israelite Kingdom had learned the lesson of repentance, there would not have been the captivity of 722 BC.

Anyone interested in joining the choir please see Dawn Fraser

Sunday messages are available online, CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz

Col. Michael Heuer will be here next Sunday