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JONAH PART 16
CH. 3 VS 2

After the great fish deposited Jonah upon dry land, God once again gave him the commission. In Ch. 3 vs 2 it says, ***“Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great (large) city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid (instruct) thee.”*** God had not released him from the original call. Jonah could be called the first Jewish missionary to a gentile land. This was also a messianic foreshadow as Jesus also declared that the kingdom of heaven would be preached to gentile nations by his disciples.

It is noteworthy that he was not to preach Jewish customs or the Law of Moses that Jewish leaders so revered. He was not to preach what he was raised to believe in his “church”, the Jewish synagogue. He was to preach only the message God would give him at the appointed time of his arrival. It was a message of repentance not preached in the synagogues of Israel.

Likewise, we all need to hear what word the Lord (by Holy Spirit) puts in our ear so that we speak the word or message that He wants delivered, not what our own reasoning would desire to speak. This would apply to whether we are preaching or teaching, witnessing to someone, counseling, or just speaking a word of encouragement to somebody.

We must always keep our spiritual ears open. If we speak only from our “own understanding” we can often “miss” it. Do not be afraid to ask Holy Spirit to guide all your words. He is our counselor, teacher, and guide.