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JONAH PART 22
CH. 3:10

The Ninevite King and all his subjects fasted and prayed in sackcloth and ashes in hopes that God would withhold the judgement preached by Jonah.

In Jonah 3:10 it says (NKJV), ***“Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way. And God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.”***

The Ninevites repented and had a change of heart causing a change of behavior. God honored that by extending them His grace (undeserved favor) and mercy (forgiveness and removal of penalty). He cancelled the plans for their destruction and overthrow of their kingdom empire.

Many times, we believers, also have things in our lives which are not good (sin). When we “make it right” with God, He can bless us with the fulfillment of His promises. Unrepentance will actually block fulfillment of His promises and His blessings. It can block a physical healing which otherwise we would have received.

What kind of things can block healings, blessings, or provision? Unforgiveness. Hate. Gossip. Sexual sin. Unbelief. Lack of tithing. A critical attitude. The list could go on and on.

If we desire to have all that God has in store for us (and he does wish to give it all to us), then we need to “come clean.” We may have to make restitution (“pay up”) with somebody we have wronged. When we have “made it all right,” it will then open up His storehouse of blessing.