

February 4, 2024
“Forgive Us Our Trash Baskets!”
(Jonah 3:1-10)

The primary purpose of Jonah’s story is to reveal the _____ of God’s love!

An interesting thing about the God of the Old Testament – He is not a _____ God!

What are some circumstances that might prompt a change the mind of the Almighty?

1.- _____ seems to change God’s mind.

Sometimes our prayers are prayers of _____.

Sometimes they are supplications for _____.

More often than not, we pray for God somehow to _____ His plan!

Perhaps we may pray for _____ that we wish God would change!

2.- _____ changes God’s mind.

We repent and God changes his _____ toward us!

Sin is a _____ to our relationship with God.

The longer we stay in our sin, the more _____ it is for **us** to _____ to God!

After a while, sin becomes such a part of us that we grow _____ to the good things God wants to give us!

That’s why the repentance of one lost soul brings such _____ in Heaven!

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3.- Mature _____ understands that it is not God’s mind that changes, but _____.

Jonah missed the point. – Jonah heard Judgement when God had intended _____!

It was never God’s purpose that Nineveh be _____. It was God’s will that Nineveh recognize its need for _____!

Pop Theology: It’s the _____ God that is put before the world not the _____ God!

Archbishop Trench: *“Prayer is not overcoming God’s reluctance but laying hold of God’s willingness!”*

He is a God who knows our _____ and whose will is ever _____ to His children’s good!

What we need to pray for is not that God will change his _____, but that God will change _____ so that we will _____ Him more!

God’s love for us is _____! – It is we who need to _____!

Our greatest need is to bring our lives into such _____ with the love and _____ of God that his plan is our plan!

Let’s be mature believers who seek to bring our lives into line with the purposes of God!

**THAT is what we seek in our praying!
AMEN?**