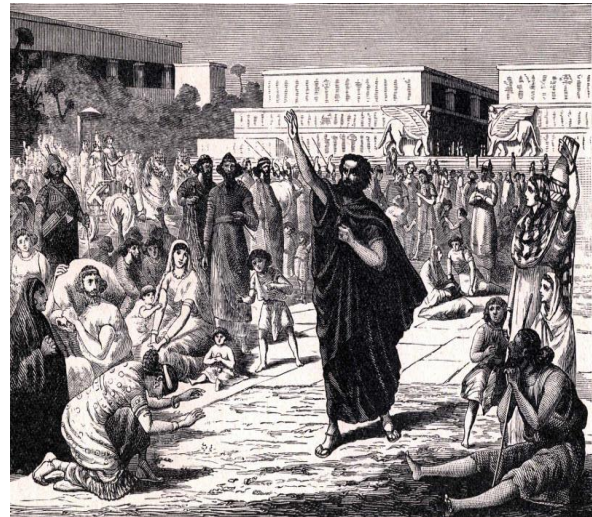
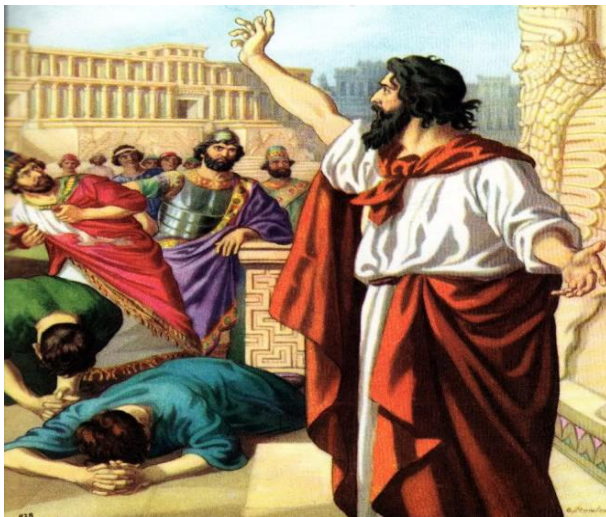


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God's love, mercy and kindness in Nineveh

scripture reading: Jonah 3:1-10

God spoke to Jonah a second time: "Up on your feet and on your way to the big city of Nineveh! Preach to them. They're in a bad way and I can't ignore it any longer." This time Jonah started off straight for Nineveh, obeying God's orders to the letter. Nineveh was a big city, very big—it took three days to walk across it. Jonah entered the city, went one day's walk and preached, "In forty days Nineveh will be smashed." The people of Nineveh listened, and trusted God. They proclaimed a citywide fast and dressed in burlap to show their repentance. Everyone did it—rich and poor, famous and obscure, leaders and followers. When the message reached the king of Nineveh, he got up off his throne, threw down his royal robes, dressed in burlap, and sat down in the dirt. Then he issued a public proclamation throughout Nineveh, authorized by him and his leaders: "Not one drop of water, not one bite of food for man, woman, or animal, including your herds and flocks! Dress them all, both people and animals, in burlap, and send up a cry for help to God. Everyone must turn around, turn back from an evil life and the violent ways that stain their hands. Who knows? Maybe God will turn around and change his mind about us, quit being angry with us and let us live!" God saw what they had done, that they had turned away from their evil lives. He did change his mind about them. What he said he would do to them he didn't do.



My dear children,
You might have wondered why did our heavenly Father was so particular about Jonah's trip to Nineveh to warn the people about destruction. After reading today's portion you would have understood I believe. Our God is holy and righteous and HE won't compromise at any cost. At the same time HE is full of mercy, kind and love. That is why HE wants HIS servant to warn the bad people, so that they get another chance to repent and live. HE gives chance to not only HIS prophet Jonah but also the wicked people of Nineveh. When they repent HE take pleasure to save them. Because of Jonah's warning the whole Nineveh got saved. Such a compassionate God is our Father. Will you tell your bad friends about HIS love and cause then to repent. Come on now Lets pray.

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. Jonah 3:1-10

Prayer

Holy and righteous Father in heaven,
Thank you for revealing your love to the whole world. Help me to be your servant and obey your words. In Jesus mighty name I pray. Amen.

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