



# Daily Reflections

**January 21, 2018**

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## Scripture

### **Jonah 3: 1-5, 10**

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying:

"Set out for the great city of Nineveh,  
and announce to it the message that I will tell you."

So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh,  
according to the LORD'S bidding.

Now Nineveh was an enormously large city;  
it took three days to go through it.

Jonah began his journey through the city,  
and had gone but a single day's walk announcing,  
"Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed, "

when the people of Nineveh believed God;  
they proclaimed a fast

and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way,  
he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them;  
he did not carry it out.

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## Our Scripture Reflection

Why did Jonah get so angry with God for sparing the citizens of Nineveh? Because God did not perform according to Jonah's expectations regarding his bitter enemies. Jonah hated them and saw no good reason for them to be saved from eternal damnation, but God thought differently. Jonah's dilemma

reminds us of God's words in Isaiah 55:8-9: "My ways are not your ways nor are my thoughts your thoughts." God's plan is always bigger than our ability to definitively comprehend it. After all, God is Lord and Creator of all. Will our faith in Him allow us to become humble before God and trust Him completely?

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## **Food for your Journey**

Hanging onto resentment is letting someone you despise live rent-free in your head.

--Ann Landers, The Washington Post,

May 19, 1998.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Lord, help me forgive when everything inside me tells me not to. Help me let go when my heart is so wounded that I feel it's breaking. Open my eyes to things that can heal me, things that can comfort me and make me stronger. Hold my hand and let me cry on Your shoulder. Take me to places I've never been, let me stand on the highest mountain, so I can see how foolish I am for clinging to my anger. Show me a glimpse of Your greatness, so that I can make it my treasure when everything else seems to crumble around me. Amen