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GOD'S PITY FOR THE HEATHEN

Jonah 3:5 to 4:11—April 30

"Go yet, therefore, and look all nations."—Matt. 28:19.

SKEPTICS have long been inclined to treat the story of Jonah's experience in the belly of the great fish as a sailor's yarn. Many pulpiteers even laugh at the account of Jonah's experiences as suitable only for the credulous and not for wise, "Higher Critics." Nevertheless, the Great Teacher refers to Jonah and his experiences in the belly of the great fish, and those who believe the Scriptures will seek no better ground for their faith in the story than this. Nor is Jonah's account without a considerable parallel. One of the New York journals recently gave a detailed account, profusely illustrated, showing how a sailor, overboard, was swallowed by "a great sulphur whale," but after several hours escaped, his skin made purplish from the action of the digestive fluids of the whale's stomach.

"And Nineveh shall be overthrown."

So far as we know, Jonah's case was the only one in which any one spent parts of three days and nights in the belly of a fish. True, the throats of the majority of whales seem too small to admit a man. We remember, however, that they are quite elastic. The great sulphur variety is of enormous size and is said to have a throat capable of swallowing a skiff, much larger than a man and less flexible.

Preaching to the Ninevites

Our special lesson, however, is concerned with Jonah's mission to the Ninevites. Jonah's preaching was that within forty days God would destroy Nineveh. But the people, impressed by his message, repented of their sinful course and sought Divine forgiveness.

We are, of course, to understand that God knew the end from the beginning—that He knew that the Ninevites would repent and that He would not blot them out within forty days, in accordance with Jonah's preaching. Nineveh did pass away utterly, great city that it was, but not within forty literal days. Possibly the time meant by the Almighty was what is sometimes prophetic or symbolical time, a day for a year—forty days, forty years.

The lesson shows us how much greater is the compassion of the Almighty than that of His imperfect servants of human kind. God was pleased to have the Ninevites turn from their sins to hearty repentance. He was pleased to grant them an extension of earthly life. But Jonah was displeased. His argument was, There, God did make a fool of me. He told me that this great city would be destroyed within forty days, and I preached it. But all the while He must have known that it would not be destroyed within forty days. God has brought discredit upon me, and I am now to be regarded as a false prophet.

Jonah was more interested in himself and his own reputation than in the Ninevites and their interests. The Lord's servants must not do so!

God Repented of the Evil

The query arises in some minds, How can God repent and change His mind if He knows the end from the beginning? The answer is that the word repent has a wider meaning than is generally apprehended. Humanity uses it only in respect to a change of purpose. But, as modern dictionaries show, the word may mean either a change of action or a change of purpose, or both. God's purposes do not change. He never repents of them. But He does change His conduct.

Thus Israel, His favored people for centuries, was cut off, and God's dealings toward them changed. But God's purpose never changed toward Israel. He foreknew and foretold their rejection of Jesus and His rejection of them and how later they would be regathered to their own land and be forgiven and blessed by Messiah.

The Lord taught Jonah a lesson respecting his sympathy for a gourd, an inanimate thing, and his lack of sympathy for the Ninevites. So it is with many preachers and others. They have sympathy for the flowers, for the birds, for the lower animals, for children and to some extent, for all mankind under the distresses of the present time. Nevertheless such people sometimes become angry at the bare suggestion that God does not intend to roast the Ninevites, Sodomites, Amalekites, or anybody else, to all eternity and that His gracious purposes for the world in general will be manifested in giving all an opportunity to attain to human perfection, a world-wide Eden and everlasting life, if they will hear and obey the Great Messiah—whose Head is Jesus and whose members, the elect Church, have been in process of selection and preparation throughout this Gospel Age.

The repentant King of Nineveh.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

R. T. Burns and others, Plffs.
vs.
W. H. Bartram, Deft.

Pursuant to a judgment of the Lawrence Circuit Court heretofore rendered in the action pending between R. T. Burns and others, plaintiffs, and W. H. Bartram, defendant, the undersigned Master Commissioner of the Lawrence Circuit Court will, on Monday the 11th day of May 1903, being the first day of the regular term of the Lawrence County Court, at the front door of the Court House in Louisa, Lawrence County, Ky., offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following tract or tracts of land, or so much thereof, as herein set out, as may be necessary to produce the amounts adjudged liens on said lands. The real estate therein adjudged to be sold first is bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Being the real estate where W. H. Bartram now lives, situated on the ..... creek, Lawrence County, Ky., bounded as follows: Beginning in the center of a small branch just below where W. H. Bartram lives, near a forked sycamore, thence up said branch N. 22 W. 6 poles to a stake at the road leading across Tug river; N. 25½ E. 2 poles to a stake in the bend of the lane; N. 16 W. 15 poles and 5 feet to a stake at the N. W. corner, the Widow Frazier's dower; N. 76 E. 11 poles to a stake at the back side of the orchard near a plum tree; thence with the line of the aforesaid Widow Frazier's N. 12¾ E. 60 poles to a stake in Tug river; thence down the same N. 64½ W. 22 poles and 12 feet to a stake in Tug river at the line of W. D. Frazier's; thence with his line leaving the river S. 29½ W. 5 1-2 poles to a sycamore in the line of said Frazier's; S. 12½ E. 1½ poles to a stake at a white walnut, marked; S. 14½ W. 2 poles to a small red elm; S. 66½ W. 2½ poles to a small mulberry; S. 72 W. 24 poles to a set stone in the County road leading from the Falls of Tug to Louisa; thence up the same, in the direction of W. H. Bartram, S. 16¾ E. 29 poles to a stake in the County road at a barn; S. 14 poles 11 feet to a post of a barn lot on the upper side of the County road ..... said, and up a short lane with the line of W. D. Frazier's; N. 72¾ W. 2 poles and 12 feet to a post of the barn lot; S. 64½ W. 2 poles to a stake at a small draw, thence up the hill with a fence N. 69 W. 24 poles to a stake on the side of the hill in the post and rail fence; N. 74¾ W. 11 poles and 2 feet to a post at the corner of the fence, thence down the hill with a post and rail fence S. 22½ W. 9 2-2 poles to a post; S. 87 W. 12 1-2 poles to a sycamore above the County road, then up the same and with a fence S. 29½ W. 1 pole and 2 feet to a post; S. 84 W. 9 2-2 poles to a post on the west side of a branch that comes into Rockcastle Creek near the bridge; then up the branch with its meanders, N. 29½ W. 31 poles to a rock in the branch; S. 85½ W. 5½ poles to a hickory at the fall of the branch; N. 27¾ W. 13½ poles to three hickoys, N. 5½ W. 5 poles to a stone, N. 30 W. 9 poles to a large poplar; N. 9½ W. 19 poles to a black walnut; N. 29½ poles to a stone on top of the ridge where two fences join at the line of James Peter's; thence with the ridge and said Peter's line S. 44¼ W. 8 poles to a stake, S. 29¾ W. 10 2-2 poles to a red oak, S. 15½ W. 23½ poles to a red oak on a knob, S. 15 W. 7 poles to a stake on the S. W. side of the knob; then down the hill approximately with a fence S. 41 2-2 W. 28 poles to two small white oaks on the side of the hill; S. 10 W. 20 poles to a beech tree on the south side of the County road leading down Rockcastle Creek; thence down the road S. 16¼ E. 11 poles to a rock on the upper side of the road; S. 4 W. 29½ poles to a beech on the lower side of the County road; S. 22½ W. 17 poles and 2 feet to a maple near the creek; S. 11 E. 5 poles to a poplar near the mouth of a small branch, William Maynard's corner; thence up the branch with said Maynard's line N. 66 E. 23½ poles to a sycamore by the County road, marked J. B. S.; 86¼ E. 14 poles, passing over a sharp ridge to three small red elms on the lower side of the County road; then with William Maynard's line N. 71 E. 20 poles to a red elm; N. 75 E. 5 2-2 poles to an ironwood; S. 74½ E. 4 poles to a beech and elm on the bank of the creek; then down the same S. 79¼ E. 35 poles to a rock on the bank of the creek; S. 71 E. 23½ poles to a large maple; S. 73½ E. 9 poles and 10 feet to a stone at the mouth of Rockcastle; then down Tug river N. 80½ E. 7 poles and 10 feet to a nick in the rock; N. 47¾ E. 8 1-2 poles to a large rock on the bank of the river; N. 24½ E. 15¼ poles to the beginning, containing 19 acres, 19.125 poles.

There is, however, excluded from the above described tract and not to be sold at the present that certain part of the above described tract situated on ..... creek, set apart by the Commissioners in the above entitled action, as a homestead to the defendant, W. H. Bartram, described as follows:

Beginning in the.....of a small branch just below where W. H. Bartram now lives near a forked sycamore, then running with the line of the whole farm, N. 22 W. 6 poles to a stone at a road leading across the river N. 25½ E. 2 poles to a stake in the bend of the lane; N. 24 W. 15 poles and 5 feet to a stake at the northwest corner of the Widow Frazier dower; N. 76 E. 11 poles to a stake at the back side of the orchard near a plum tree; thence with the line of the aforesaid Widow Frazier's N. 12¾ E. 19 poles to a stake, about 4 feet from a post and rail fence; then leaving the line of the Widow Frazier's and crossing the bottom S. 84¾ W. 27 poles to a stake in the County road in the line of the whole tract; thence with same S. 18¾ E. 18½ poles to a stake in the County road at a barn; S. 14 poles 11 feet to a post of a barn lot on the lot of the upper side of the County road; thence leaving said road and up a short lane with the line of W. D. Frazier's S. 72¾ W. 2 poles 12 feet to a post of the barn lot; S. 64½ W. 2 poles to a stake at a small draw; thence leaving the line of the whole farm and up a hill S. 6½ E. 11 poles to a mark on the cliff on the spur of the point; thence down the steep hill towards the river, S. 10½ poles to a large stone on the bank of Tug river; thence down the same with the former line S. 16½ E. 19¼ poles to the beginning, containing 4 acres 106.25 poles.

So much of the above will be sold as will produce the following amounts, the amount of the judgment lien of John F. Daniel upon same the sum of $73.00 with interest from July 30, 1890, until paid and the further sum of 1465.71 with interest from August 20, 1894, until paid, and the further sum of $151.50 with interest from October 3, 1892, until paid, and the further sum of $94.60 with interest from November 29, 1892, until paid, and his costs herein expended.

In the event the above described property shall not produce upon sale thereof sufficient to pay the recoveries of said John F. Daniel, I will offer at the same time and place the following additional described tracts, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the aforesaid amounts, debt, interest and costs, to-wit:

The following described tract of land situated on ..... creek in Lawrence County, Ky., bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake at the mouth of a drain called schoolhouse branc at Rockcastle Creek, Lawrence County, Ky., thence up a point N. 65 E. 16 poles to a small black oak on top of said point; N. 2 W. 41 poles to a small black-oak ridge and comes to Lindsey Maynard's line, and with same: N. 40 W. 14 poles, N. 18 W. 20 poles, N. 72 W. 10 poles, N. 42 W. 28 poles to a small pine at the top of the hill; N. 72 W. 12 poles to a pine, N. 25 W. 18½ poles to two pines on top of a hill; N. 16½ W. 26 poles to a large chestnut and small black oak and gum; S. 78 W. 30½ poles to a bunch of chestnut sprouts, S. 64 W. 18 poles to the west end of a large rock in a gap; N. 72 W. 12 poles to a black oak on a ridge; N. 60 W. 10 poles to three small pines near a knob; S. 5 W. 21 poles to a stake near a gap; S. 78 W. 11 poles to a hickory and red oak on a flat knob; S. 46 E. 20 poles to a stake; S. 27½ E. 10 poles, S. 19 W. 14 poles, S. 11½ E. 25 poles to a red oak; S. 28½ E. 12 poles to a pine on a point; S. 62 E. 29, S. 64½ E. 22 poles, S. 29 E. 11 poles, S. 35 E. 9 poles, N. 19 E. 20 poles to a stake to Rockcastle Creek; S. 60 E. 14 poles down said creek, S. 42½ E. 48 poles to the beginning, containing 109 acres more or less. And on the waters of Rockcastle and Cox branch, Lawrence County, Ky.

Also the following, if necessary:

Beginning at a stake on Rockcastle Creek corner to Branham, thence down said creek N. 7 W. 44 poles N. 12 W. 14 poles to a stake, thence leaving the creek S. 19 W. 20 poles S. 11 W. 9 poles, N. 19 W. 15 poles, N. 81½ W. 12 poles, N. 42 W. 24 poles, N. 29½ W. 12 poles to a red oak on top of a hill; N. 74½ W. 44 poles, crossing a branch to a pine and red oak on top of a ridge; S. 30½ E. 8 poles, S. 15 W. 20 poles to a white oak and water oak in the Bates Gap; S. 22 W. 27 poles to a walnut on top of a knob; S. 60 W. 12 poles to a stake on a knob; S. 22 E. 9 poles to a stake corner to Branham's land, with same S. 15 E. 15 poles to a white oak on a flat; S. 62½ E. 18 poles, S. 72 E. 14 poles to red oak; S. 62 E. 14 poles to a large black oak; S. 46 E. 9 poles to a red oak on top of the hill; N. 49 E. 12 poles to a small pine on a knob; S. 60 E. 16½ poles to a double white oak; S. 40½ E. 20 poles to a small red oak on top of the hill; N. 75 E. 12 poles to a small black oak on a ridge; S. 83 E. 20 poles to a small pine; S. 64 E. 6 poles to a small black oak; S. 88 E. 4 poles to a small hickory; S. 22 E. 15 poles to a pine in a gap; S. 62½ E. 7 poles to two pines; S. 22 E. 16 poles to a pine on a knob; thence down a point N. 68½ E. 14 poles, N. 47½ E. 4 poles, N. 62 E. 20 poles, N. 83 E. 29 poles to the mouth of a drain; thence E. 16 to the beginning, containing 112 7-8 acres, more or less.

Also the following tract of land on Rockcastle, Creek in Lawrence County, Ky., bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stake on the N. W. side of Rockcastle, thence crossing said creek N. 86 W. 16 poles to a stake at the foot of the hill; thence up a point S. 10 W. 14½ poles to a sassafras and ..... on a point; S. 40 W. 19 poles to a double sassafras; S. 4 E. 12 poles to a stake on a ridge; S. 12 W. 16 poles to a small black gum; S. 23½ W. 29 poles to a stake in a gap and at County road and corner to Branham's; with same down drain N. 67 W. 22 poles crossing Rockcastle to a stake; thence down said creek N. 7 W. 12 poles, N. 12 W. 14 poles, N. 24½ 24 poles, S. 87 E. 43 poles, S. 60 E. 16 poles; thence S. 42½ E. 42 poles to the beginning, containing 42 acres, more or less.

Also the following tract of land on Rockcastle Creek, adjoining the land of Samuel Frazier and E. Maynard, described as follows:

Beginning at a stake at Rockcastle Creek, thence N. 58 E. 60 poles up a hill to a small black walnut; N. 18 E. 60½ poles to a small black oak near the top of the hill; S. 17 E. 20 poles to a stake, corner to Samuel Frazier's land; with the same N. 71 E. 26 poles to a black ..... on top of a hill near a gap; N. 5 W. 17½ poles to a stake in a gap; N. 23 W. 10 poles, N. 17 W. 8 poles, N. 69 W. 13 poles to a red oak on a hill and at the end of a rock at corner of Fitzpatrick's land, and with same, leaving Frazier's S. 24 W. 12 poles, S. 41½ W. 8½ poles, S W. 19 poles to a white oak; S. 37½ W. 12½ poles to a small white oak; S. 52 W. 24 poles, S. 53 W. 15½ poles to a hickory near the top of the knob; N. 66 W. 1 poles, N. 55 W. 18 poles, N. 60½ W. 14 poles, N. 63½ W. 18 poles, S. 72 W. 8 poles, N. 45 W 6 poles to a black oak on a ridge; S. 1 E. 41 poles to a small black oak on top of the point; S. 65 W. 16 poles to a stake at the mouth of a drain and at Rockcastle Creek; and down said creek S. 87 E. 12 poles, S. 60 E. 14 poles, S. 42½ 66 poles to the beginning, containing 40 and 3-8 acres, more or less.

Also the following tract adjoining W. D. Bartram and Fannie Frazier, on the right hand fork of Cox's branch, and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a hickory and red oak on a flat knob, near the Frazier Hollow, thence N. 59 W. 22 poles to a small hickory on a ridge; S. 78 W. 16 poles to a chestnut oak on a knob; S. 22 E. 17½ poles to a chestnut on top of a point near Chimney Rock; S. 5½ E. 14½ poles to a pine near a gap; S. 6½ W. 15 poles to a red oak and a small pine, S. 74½ E. 66 poles to a red oak on a ridge; N. 11 W. 21 poles, due W. 16 poles, N. 11½ W. 19 poles, N. 19 E. 16 poles, N. 27½ W. 16 poles, N. 46 W. 20 poles to the beginning, containing 25 acres, more or less.

There is also to be realized from sale the sum of $61.00 due Fannie Frazier for which she was adjudged a superior lien on the 106½-acre tract, with interest on said sum from the 27th day of March, 1891, until paid.

Also to realize the amount adjudged in said action to W. D. Bartram the sum of $160.00 with interest thereon from March 27, 1891, with interest thereon from said date, which was adjudged a lien on the 112-acre tract above described.

Also amount adjudged Sallie A. Bartram as a lien against the 42-acre tract to secure to her the payment of the sum of $160.00 with interest thereon from March 27, 1891, until paid.

Also Jennie B. Peters' lien on the 25-acre tract to secure the payment of $1.00 with interest from March 27, 1891.

Said John F. Daniel having been adjudged secondred inferior to the several mentioned lien on the several tracts mentioned above as superior on the specific tracts mentioned. John F. Daniels also having lien on all of said tracts next to R. T. Burns.

TERMS: Sale will be made upon a credit of six and twelve months, with lien retained on said property so sold until the purchase price is paid in full, for which purchaser shall execute his bonds payable to the receiver of the Lawrence Circuit Court to be approved by him.

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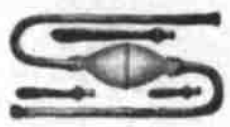

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Our Sunday school was organized at this place Sunday, Bro. Mart Sexton, superintendent, and Bro. Burton assistant.

R. Taylor was in Prestonsburg Monday on business.

We are sorry to report the death of Mr. and Mrs. John Mosely's three-year-old daughter, who caught on fire on 18th inst. and burned to death. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mrs. Bob Brunk, of Kenova, W. Va., was in our town Saturday.

Cedar Point Coal Co., at this place is progressing nicely, with R. W. Brunk, general manager.

Dr. G. T. Kendrick will soon have his two new dwelling houses completed.

Lee Leslie, who has been on the sick list, is now improving slowly.

Lee Harris, the contract builder of our new school house, has commenced work on the building. We will have a nice school house.

Mrs. Dr. Akers is visiting home folks at Auxier.

Mrs. Emma Taylor visited Mrs. Dr. Akers Saturday afternoon.

W. H. Weddington, the hustling merchant at this place is doing a nice business.

Mr. Parker, the produce man, was in our town recently talking up the produce business.

Uncle John Hall has moved into the J. N. Bevins property.

R. W. Brunk, the coal company man, is moving into one of R. Taylor's houses. Gess Hon.