

Listening to the Past

The Sign of Jonah

The Theme in Scripture

- ❖ Listening to those who went before us is a major theme in Scripture.
- ❖ The opening chapters of Jeremiah.
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 10.
- ❖ The rich man and Lazarus.
- ❖ Jeremiah 26.

The Perennial Problem

- ❖ This passage is about how the worldly-religious have always treated God.
- ❖ “Prove yourself to me!”
- ❖ There are some people who view God as if He is their personal servant.

The Common Thread

- ❖ What made the inhabitants of Nineveh so great?
- ❖ What made the Queen of Sheba so great?
- ❖ They came expecting nothing from God except for wisdom, and learning.
- ❖ We come to God bowing in worship, not extracting things from Him.

“Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. ”

–Romans 1:22-25