《天路导向》 双语讲义

神的怜悯 - 8 BIBLICAL COMPASSION - 8

SECTION A 甲部

- 1. Hello, listening friends. 亲爱的朋友,你好!
- 2. We are glad you tuned in. 很高兴你再次收听这个节目。
- 3. When we ended our last broadcast, 在上次节目的最后,
- 4. we promised that we would look at three things that God always does for His authentic witnesses. 我答应过你,我们这次要讲,神为祂忠心的见证人所要做三件事。
- For those of you who have just joined us this time, 假如你是第一次收听这个节目,
- 6. we are studying Jonah, Chapter 3, verses 1 to 10. 我们正在学习约拿书 3 章 1-10 节。
- 7. What are these three things that God always does for His authentic witness? 那么,神要为祂忠心的见证人做哪些事呢?
- 8. One: 第一就是:
- 9. God always pursues His witness. 神对祂的见证人总是锲而不舍的。
- 10. Two: 第二:
- 11. God always empowers His witness. 神总是加力量给祂的见证人。
- 12. Three: 第三:
- 13. God always uses and blesses His faithful witness.
 - 神总是使用,并赐福祂忠信的见证人。
- 14. What do I mean when I say, "God pursues His witness?"
 我所说"神对祂的见证人总是锲而不舍的"是什么意思呢?

- 15. Look again at verses 1 and 2 of Chapter 3 请看 3 章 1 到 2 节。
- 16. "Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:
 - "耶和华的话二次临到约拿,说:
- 17. 'Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.'"
 "你起来,往尼尼微大城去,向其中的居民 宣告我所吩咐你的话。"
- 18. Now, I want you to notice specially the words, the "second time." 我想请你特别留心"第二次"这几个字。
- 19. Let me ask you this question: 我要问你一个问题:
- 20. Does God always pursue us and give us a second chance? 神是不是一直都跟在我们身边,要给我们第二次机会呢?
- 21. Absolutely. 的确如此。
- 22. That is the nature of God. 这是神的本性。
- 23. That is the character of God. 这是神的性格。
- 24. God called Abraham to leave his homeland of Ur and go to the Promised Land; 神呼召亚伯拉罕离开他的故乡吾珥,到应许之地去;
- 25. but Abraham went on a detour and got lost! 可是,亚伯拉罕却在中途迷失了!
- 26. He found a place that reminded him of home and there he stayed.
 他走到中途,看见一个地方很像自己的老家,就准备在那里定居下来。
- 27. What does God do? 神又如何做的呢?
- 28. God calls him again. 神再次呼召他。
- 29. God called Moses to liberate his people. 神呼召摩西解救祂的子民脱离欺压。

30. Moses took things into his own hands and tried to do things in his own way and made a mess of things.

而摩西却自以为是地按照自己的方式来解决 问题,结果把事情搞得一团糟。

- 31. What does God do? 神怎么做呢?
- 32. Forty years later, He called him again. 四十年之后,祂再次呼召摩西。
- 34. Jesus warned Peter that he would deny Him three times.耶稣警告彼得说,他将要三次不认主。
- 35. Peter said, "Never!"彼得说: "这种事情决不会发生。"
- 36. What happened? 结果怎么样呢?
- 37. Peter denied Jesus three times, and made a mess of his life; 彼得三次不认主,让他几乎一蹶不振;
- 38. but, after the resurrection, the Lord Jesus called him yet again.然而,当耶稣复活以后,再一次地呼召彼得。
- 39. That is our God. 这就是我们的神。
- 40. The Lord calls you and me again and again and again. 主一再地呼召你和我。
- 41. When we ignore His voice, 当我们对祂的呼召不理不睬的时候,
- 42. we suffer; 我们会受苦;
- 43. but we come back crying to Him in repentance. 但是,当我们悔改来到祂面前呼求祂的时候,
- 44. He not only forgives us, but He renews His call for us to be His witness yet again. 他不但饶恕我们,而且藉著再次的呼召,让我们重新成为祂的见证。
- 45. Every time we run away either mentally, emotionally or physically 每一次,当我们远离祂,不管是思想上、情感上还是肉体上--

- 46. after we repent, 当我们悔改以后,
- 47. God is teaching you and me that, through His forgiveness of our stubbornness, 神藉著饶恕我们,让我们再一次明白祂的恩典,
- 48. we should understand that He is holding forgiveness for us. 我们的神总是乐意宽恕我们。
- 49. We should understand that He is holding forgiveness for others. 让我们明白,祂乐意赦免每一个罪人。
- 50. God holds out forgiveness for your neighbor, 神要把饶恕之恩赐给你的邻居,
- 51. and your co-worker, 你的同事,
- 52. and your client, 你的客户,
- 53. and your boss 你的上司,
- 54. and all of the people of the world. 以及世上每一个人。
- 55. Jonah's own experience in and out of the belly of the great fish taught him something important about the forgiving nature of God. 约拿被大鱼吞下又吐出来的经历,使他明白,神是一位乐意饶恕的神。
- 56. Jonah's own experience was a loud shout saying, 约拿的亲身经历就是最好的明证,
- 57. "Look at me! "像我这样,
- 59. even to those who stubbornly disobeyed and ran away.
 虽然我曾经顽梗悖逆,从祂面前逃跑,
- 60. Forgiveness and restoration are possible with me, 我仍然获得神的宽恕和怜悯,
- 61. even to those who take things into their own hands."
 不管我曾经是多么的自以为是。"
- 62. God pursues His witnesses. 神对祂的见证人总是锲而不舍的。

- 63. Secondly, 第二,
- 64. God also empowers His witnesses. 神也会加力量给祂的见证人。
- 65. If you look at Jonah's message in Chapter 3, verse 4, 假如你留意约拿书 3 章 4 节,
- 66. you will be amazed by it's brevity. 你就会为信息的简短而感到惊奇。
- 67. Here is the message: 圣经记载说:
- 68. "On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: 'Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned.'"

"约拿进城走了一日,宣告说:'再等四十日,尼尼微必倾覆了!'"

- 69. It is very brief and to the point; 信息简短,直切入主题;
- 70. but what is the difference whether it is 40 days or 40 years?
 40 天和 40 年又能有什么分别呢?
- 71. Without Jesus Christ, a person will be going to Hell. 若没有耶稣基督的救赎,人迟早都要下地 狱。
- 72. Some of you have been hearing the Gospel message for many years, but have not responded to it. 也许我们早就听过福音信息,但是,到如今都没什么感觉。
- 73. God is calling you again today. 今天,神再次呼唤你。
- 74. Will you respond to His message? 你愿意回应祂的呼召吗?
- 75. Brevity is the very point of the message of witnessing.
 为主作见证的信息,就是这么简短明确的。
- 76. Many of us think that we need a 10-year course of apologetics before we can witness. 很多人认为:为主作见证前,需要在神学知识上有10年之久的装备训练。
- 77. Many of us think that we need to be eloquent and articulate to witness. 很多人认为,作见证,需要口齿伶俐,善于雄辩。
- 78. I'm not against any of these things; 我并不是反对这些;

- 79. but, to be a witness for Jesus Christ, all you need is an authentic, real, born-again experience.
 但是,为主作见证,你只需要是一个真正重生得救的人。
- 80. All you need is to know that all of your sins, past, present and future, are forgiven. 你只要确知,你过去、现在以及将来所有的罪都已经被神赦免了。
- 81. How? 怎样被赦免呢?
- 82. Through the acceptance of Christ's substitutionary death upon the cross for you. 藉著相信基督在十字架为你而死的事实,
- 83. Simply put, our witness is this: 一句话,我们的见证就是:
- 84. "I was a sinner heading for Hell, but God changed my direction to Heaven."

 "我曾经是一个必死的人,但神拯救我出死入生。"
- 85. My listening friends, this is very important. 我亲爱的朋友,这一点非常重要。
- 86. When the emphasis is on the technique or eloquence, 如果我们看重技巧和口才,
- 87. when the emphasis is on formulas or programs, 如果我们看重方法和活动项目,
- 88. when a person is converted, then, it is these things that get the glory; 当有人悔改归向神,我们就会把功劳归在这些因素上;
- 89. but, if you stay on your knees and simply get up and give an account of the hope that is within you, God gets the glory.
 但是,当我们藉著祷告倚靠神,把内心的盼望述说出来时,就能够归荣耀给神。
- 90. When God equips His witnesses, God is all that he or she needs; 假如神要装备祂的见证人,这人只需要有神就够了;
- 91. and look at the results of Jonah's simple proclamation of the message. 看看约拿简短的信息所带来的效果吧。
- 92. Verses 5 and 6 of Chapter 3. 第 3 章 5 到 6 节。
- 93. Let's read them together. 我们一起来读。

尼尼微人信服神,便宣告禁食,从最大的到至小的都穿麻衣(或作:披上麻布)。 这信息传到尼尼微王的耳中,他就下了宝座,脱下朝服,披上麻布,坐在灰中。

- 94. Not only did people immediately respond, 尼尼微人不仅立刻作出了回应,
- 95. but even the pagan, notorious, wicked King humbled himself before the Lord. 甚至连那位恶名昭著,凶残的外邦国王也谦 卑自己,伏俯在神面前。
- 96. Imagine this wicked, violent, unrighteous, atheist, proud and luxurious Ninevite 想像一下,这些充满邪恶、强暴、毫无公义、眼中不怕神、生活糜烂的尼尼微人,
- 98. Archeologists tell us, in fact, that Ninevah was a huge city. 据考古学家说,尼尼微其实是一座很大的城市。
- 99. It was a powerful city. 它拥有很大的权势。

SECTION B

<u>乙部</u>

- 1. It was an enormously wealthy city. 它也极为富有。
- 2. It had walls that were 100 feet high. 它的城墙有 100 英尺那样高。
- 3. Those walls were so wide that 3 chariots could travel side by side on top of that wall; 宽厚的城墙甚至可以容纳三辆马车并排行 驶:
- 4. so, we are not talking about some simple people here. 因此,我们在这里所谈到的这些人,可不是一般人物啊。
- 5. They were powerful people; 他们是些有权力的人;
- 6. but, when God equips and sends you, it doesn't matter who you are witnessing to. 但是,当神装备你、差遣你的时候,无论你向谁作见证都没什么大不了的。
- 7. God not only pursues His witness, 神不仅对祂的见证人总是锲而不舍的,

- 8. God not only equips His witness, 神不但装备祂的见证人,
- 9. but God also uses and blesses His witness. 而且,神还要使用并赐福给祂的见证人。
- 10. God blesses faithful proclamation of His Word. 神赐福那些忠实为祂宣讲真道的人。
- 11. It may take time; 也许不会来得那么快;
- 12. but He always will. 但是,神一定会赐福。
- 13. Why? 为什么呢?
- 14. Because He promised to bless the labor of your hand and the fruit of your proclamation. 因为祂应许要赐福你手中的工作和你所结的果子。
- 15. For a revival to take place anywhere, 任何地方灵命的复兴,
- 16. for lives to be truly changed, 生命真实的改变,
- 17. true preaching of the Word of God must precede it.

 必须先有神自己的真道。
- 18. When the Word of God is not preached, people become both nauseous and numb. 假如不宣讲神的真道,人们就会变得败坏邪恶、麻木不仁。
- 19. Why? 为什么呢?
- 20. Because half-truths are inoculating people against the urgency of the true Gospel message. 因为似是而非的道理,使人不再迫切渴求真实的福音。
- 21. No matter how simple the message is, as long as it is the truth, God will bless it.

 不论信息多简短,只要是从神而来的真理,神就会赐福。
- 22. Look at the incredible blessings that came upon the Ninevites as a result of hearing the true Word of God.看看这些尼尼微人,在听到真道后是多么的蒙福啊。
- 23. Do you remember the story in the last broadcast 你还记得在上次节目中我们所讲的故事吗?

- 24. about the machinist who repented when Christ came into his life and he took action. 是关于一个机械师悔改以后生命改变的故事。
- 25. He risked being fired. 他冒著被开除的风险。
- 26. He risked being mocked and jeered. 他不怕被别人讽刺、挖苦。
- 27. He risked everything; 他不顾这一切;
- 28. but faith that does not lead to turning away from specific sin is not the faith of Jesus Christ. 如果不敢面对自己的罪痛改前非,就不是从耶稣基督而来的信仰。
- 29. Finally, I want you to look at verse 8 of Chapter 3 最后,请看 3 章 8 节,
- 30. and see what the Ninevite's King said, 我们来看看尼尼微国王说了些什么,
- 31. "But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence."

 他说:"人与牲畜都当披上麻布,人要切切求告神。各人回头离开所行的恶道,丢弃手中的强暴。
- 32. My listening friends, please listen very carefully as I conclude. 我亲爱的朋友,在结束的时候,请仔细听我讲。
- 33. If your sin is self-indulgence, 如果你犯了放纵的罪,
- 34. if your sin is pride, 如果你犯了骄傲的罪,
- 35. if your sin is disobeying God with your substance, 如果你在物质上违背了神的命令,
- 36. if your sin is selfishness, 如果你犯了自私的罪,
- 37. if your sin is lack of love for others, 如果你对别人缺乏爱心,
- 38. if your sin is materialism, 如果你只看重财富,
- 39. if your sin is laziness, 如果你懒惰不结果子,

- 40. if your sin is unforgiveness, 如果你犯了不肯饶恕人的罪,
- 41. if your sin is gossip, 如果你犯了说别人闲话的罪,
- 42. whatever it may be, give it up and repent of it, 无论你犯了什么罪,今天就弃绝这些罪过,并且悔改,
- 43. not in vague terms, but in practical terms; 不是含含糊糊地说说而已,而是实实在在地对付;
- 44. and, then, watch how God will use your witness. 之后你会发觉,神会如何重用你成为祂的见证。
- 45. Watch how God will bless you and bless those around you; 你会发现,神会大大赐福给你和你周围的一切;
- 46. and I pray that God will bless you, 我为你祷告,求神赐福给你,
- 47. and we leave you with the blessings of God. 愿神丰满的福分临到你。