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God's Promises in Jonah

In the book of Jonah, there are a few promises made by God:

1. God promises to send Jonah to Nineveh to preach repentance to its people: "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." (Jonah 1:2)
2. God promises to spare the people of Nineveh if they repent: "And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?" (Jonah 4:11)
3. God promises to save Jonah from drowning when he is thrown overboard from the ship: "Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights." (Jonah 1:17)
4. God promises to provide Jonah with shelter and comfort during his time in the scorching sun: "Now the Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush." (Jonah 4:6)

These promises illustrate God's mercy and compassion towards both the people of Nineveh and Jonah.

5. God promises to reveal His power and sovereignty to the pagan sailors who witnessed Jonah's miraculous rescue from the sea: "Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows." (Jonah 1:16)
6. God promises to use even the disobedience and reluctance of His servants to accomplish His purposes: "But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights." (Jonah 1:17)
7. God promises to reveal His grace and forgiveness towards all who repent and turn to Him: "When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it." (Jonah 3:10)

These promises highlight God's sovereignty, faithfulness, and willingness to extend grace and mercy to all who seek Him.

8. God promises to use Jonah's preaching to bring about a revival in Nineveh: "So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now

Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!'" (Jonah 3:3-4)

9. God promises to teach Jonah a lesson about compassion and mercy through his experience with the plant: "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?" (Jonah 4:10-11)

These promises highlight the importance of obedience to God's call, the power of repentance and revival, and the need for God's servants to cultivate compassion and mercy towards all people.