

SUBJECT

CHRISTIAN RELIGION STUDIES (CRS)

LESSON TOPIC

CALL TO REPENTANCE

CLASS

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LESSON OBJECTIVES

At the end of this lesson, students should be able to:

- Describe how David and Zacchaeus responded to the call to repentance.
- Give an account of the act of repentance of the Ninevites.
- Identify the demands to repentance on John the Baptist's hearers.
- Identify and discuss some consequences of lack of repentance

MEANING OF REPENTANCE

Repentance is the act of feeling sorrow, shame or regret for one's wrong action with a resolution never to behave like that in future.



- Repentance will lead to asking for forgiveness.
- The aim of repentance is to restore broken relationship with God.



DAVID RESPONDS TO THE CALL TO REPENTANCE

- Israel was at war with the Ammonites.
- David did not go to war.
- He saw Bathsheba taking her bath.
- She was the wife of Uriah the Hittite, one of the soldiers fighting in the war. He committed adultery with her and got her pregnant.

- He kills Uriah.
- God sends Nathan the prophet to make him realize his wrongdoing.
- He repented and composed Psalm 51.

ZACCHAEUS RESPONDS TO THE CALL TO REPENTANCE

- Zacchaeus was a tax collector and cheated people in his business.
- One day Jesus was passing through his city on his way from Jericho to Jerusalem.
- He was anxious to see Jesus but was too short, so, he climbed a Sycamore tree.

- Jesus asked him to come down because he was going to stay in Zacchaeus' house.
- The people complained saying that **"Jesus has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner"**.

- Zacchaeus saw the protest as a call to repentance and promised to refund all the excess money he had collected.
- Jesus was pleased with his reaction and said: **"Today, salvation has come to this house"**.

THE ACT OF REPENTANCE OF THE NINEVITES

- The people of Nineveh were living bad lives by committing all kinds of sins.
- God sent Prophet Jonah to go and call the people to repentance.
- He preached to the people, saying, "only 40 days and Nineveh will be destroyed".

- They repented by fasting and praying for God's forgiveness.
- God accepted their plea and forgave them.

JOHN THE BAPTIST CALLS PEOPLE TO REPENTANCE

- John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus.
- His mission was to prepare people for the coming of Christ.
- He did this by preaching and Baptism.
- His baptism was a baptism of repentance which prepared people for the coming of Christ.

CONSEQUENCES OF LACK OF REPENTANCE

- Keeps us distant from God.
- It brings about suffering and sadness.
- We lose graces from God.
- It creates disharmony between us and our neighbors and other created things.
- It is a sin against the Holy Spirit.
- Danger of losing God eternally.

EVALUATION

1. The following show that a person has repented, except:
 - (a) Regret for the action.
 - (b) Resolution not to behave like that again.
 - (c) Asking for forgiveness.
 - (d) Looking forward to commit the same action.

2.The repentance of David led him to compose Psalm

(a) 81

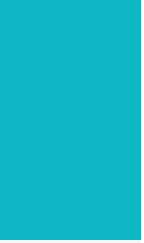
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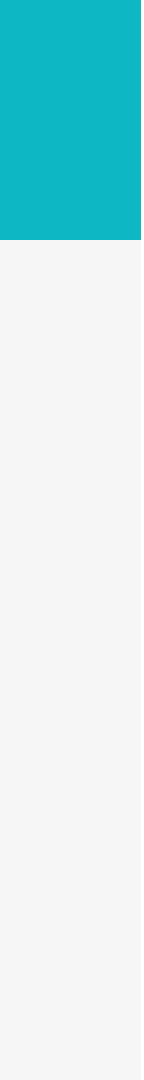
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3. Zacchaeus repented by....?

- (a) Returning fourfold of all the excess tasks he collected from people.
- (b) Giving half of his money to the poor.
- (c) Continuing in his old ways.
- (d) A & B are correct.

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4. How did the Ninevites repent of their sins?
- (a) By declaring a fast.
 - (b) They put on sackcloth.
 - (c) The king removed his robe and sat in ash.
 - (d) All of the above.

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5. What did John the Baptist demand of his hearers?
- (a) Preparation for the coming of Jesus.
 - (b) Baptism of repentance.
 - (c) Mourning.
 - (d) A & B are correct.

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6. Lack of repentance may lead to one or more of the following?
- (a) Possible loss of God eternally.
 - (b) Suffering.
 - (c) Sadness.
 - (d) Freedom.

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