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Title: God's repentance, and ours

Text: 2 Corinthians 7:8-10

**As a reminder, Biblical repentance for
believers is a change of course:**

Matthew 3:1-4; Matthew 4:12-20

**Sin grieves God, and His Holy nature
demands a response.**

**People had become so evil that God was
sorry that He even put man on the
earth: Genesis 6:3-8**

Saul's disobedience and sin grieved

God: 1 Samuel 15:7-11

The word repent in the KJV might be better understood as relent. God in His sovereignty can make a threat — which is short of a decree — and those threats are conditional in nature.

**The Lord sought to do harm to the
people of Israel and later relented after
a plea from Moses: Exodus 32:7-14**

**The Lord also relented after the people
of Nineveh responded like they should
have to Jonah: Jonah 3:3-10**

**God explained the circumstances where
he might relent to the wayward people
of Israel: Jeremiah 18:5-12**

**God's ability to relent comes up again in
Joel, and notice how it's tied to a
response from the people: Joel 2:11-17**

**One psalmist ties God's ability to relent
with His lovingkindness: Psalm
106:40-45**

**All that said, there are God has sworn
decrees from which He will never
deviate, and they are clear and
un-conditional in scripture.**

**That includes the Abrahamic covenant,
and no doubt all nations are blessed in
(via) Abraham's seed:**

Genesis 22:16-18

**They also include His Son being a Priest
forever in the order of Melchizedek.**

Genesis 14:17-20; Psalm 110:1-7

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forever in the order of Melchizedek.**

Hebrews 6:13-20; Hebrews 7:11-17

**When you and I repent, it's an
acknowledgment of our sin and a
change of course wedded with our
salvation.**

**Sin grieves God infinitely more than us,
and the word repent does not have the
same connotation as it does for us.**

**Time and time again, He declined to
punish His own people. He chose to
relent after seeing their response to
Him.**

**Further into 2 Corinthians, we'll see
next week the benefits that Godly
sorrow wrought in the lives of Paul's
readers.**