

“Salvation Belongs to the Lord”



JONAH 2
GOD’S MERCY REVEALED

Review



- ✦ **During his 3 days in the belly of the fish:**
 - **Jonah admits his sin.**
 - **He returns to the presence of God.**
 - **He returns to the Word of God.**

Jonah 2



[1] Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, [2] saying “I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. [3] For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me.

[4] Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.’

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[5] The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head [6] at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God.

[7] When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.

[8] Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.

Road Map



- 1) God is Patient**
- 2) God is Omnipotent**
- 3) God is Merciful**

1) God is Patient



God's Patience is perfect in it's absence:

Numbers 16- Korah's rebellion against Moses and his ordination by God.

Acts 5- Ananias and Sapphira

The Purpose of God's Patience: our submission to His Perfect Will.

1) God is Patient



- **The story of Jonah is the account of a rebellious spirit and a Patient God who brings him back to a place of willing submission.**
- **Original sin: The sin of “I.” Putting my will above God’s Will.**
- **Jonah’s sin was deserving of death.**
- **Jonah’s life is preserved**
 - **Jonah is humbled**

1) God is Patient



Purposeful sin is not committed in ignorance

1 John 1:8-9 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

2) God is Omnipotent



Psalm 107:23-25

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters; they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep. For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

Mark 4:39-41 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, **“Peace! Be still!”** And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, **“Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?”** And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, **“Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”**

2) God is Omnipotent



- **Jonah 1:17** And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah.
- **God is proactive. He is not a reactionary.**
- **God has the ultimate power of Salvation!**
- **In Jonah 2:2 Jonah says he's in "the belly of Sheol."**
- **Verse 6 - God brought Jonah up out of the "Pit"**

2) God is Omnipotent



There is no depth, no darkness, no dread that God cannot overcome!

There is no desperation so overpowering that God cannot quench the flames of despair with His Peace!

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Salvation belongs to the Lord!

James 4:6-8 “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”

John 6:68 Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ...”

3) God is Merciful



- **Mercy is a forgiving attitude toward undeserving offenders.**
- **It is a purposeful leniency that forgives the unforgiveable**
- **Jonah deserves God's wrath**
- **Exodus 33:19 “And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.”**

3) God is Merciful



- **The Mercy of God is His to bestow, and His alone.**
- **Our only recourse, our only hope for God's Mercy resides in prayer.**
- **James 5:16 The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.**

Wrapping it up



- **The story of Jonah and Nineveh is really the story of God's outrageous Mercy.**
- **John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.**
- **Rev 7:10 “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”**

