

They just “rowed the harder”

You will remember the story of Jonah. He was a prophet of God that disobeyed the Lord. God had told him to go and preach “repentance” to the wicked Ninevites, Noah knew that the mercy of the Lord would follow and he did not want mercy preached to these folks.

So what did he do? He climbed aboard a boat heading for Tarshish.

He was sitting in the lower part of the vessel when God began to change his mind about doing what He had asked.

How did God do that? By sending a great wind on the sea to the point where the seamen aboard were greatly afraid.

Interesting to me that they realized that God not only sent the wind, but something was amiss on the boat. What did the seamen do? They cast lots to determine the guilty party and guess what? The lot fell on Jonah. You are the guilty party – what is going on with you?

Isn't it interesting that these seamen knew that Jonah was not obeying the word of the Lord.

What shall we do to you that your God may calm these seas?

Jonah's solution – pick me up and throw me overboard then the sea will become calm for you (verse 12 of Jonah chapter 1).

P.S (ever ask yourself why Jonah did, not just jump overboard?) maybe someday we will discuss the answer to this.

Jonah said “I know this great tempest is because – I am the reason for all of this hub bub, throw me overboard.

Scripture says in verse 13 – “Nevertheless, rather than do what would stop the stupidity they “rowed the harder to return to land.”

Finally, seeing that it was hopeless – they threw Jonah overboard. Immediately the sea calmed down.

Taking this to our modern day fiasco, with the verdicts coming in in our latest silly trials, have you noticed something? Rather than accept the verdicts which any normal person would immediately see coming, there are still folks out there that are doubling down on stupidity and “rowing the harder”.

Rather than accepting the verdict as the will of God, they are hell bent on carrying on the false narrative that the one was guilty and the other was for sure innocent.

What is it going to take for some folks to wake up?

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