

## A Prophet Running to Repentance

### I. A prophet on the **Run** (Jonah 1:1-17)

#### A. Jonah **in** the presence (**face**) of the Lord – (Jonah 1:1-2)

1 Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

#### B. Jonah moves **from** the presence of the Lord (Jonah 1:3-17)

##### 1. Down to Joppa (**beautiful**) (Jonah 1:3a)

3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish

2. Paid (**give over**) the fare (**passage money**) (Jonah 1:3b)  
so he paid the fare thereof, (**It always cost to run from God!**)

3. Down into the ship (Jonah 1:3c)  
and went down into it, (**Sin will always take you down**)

4. To Tarshish (**yellow jasper**) (Jonah 1:3d)  
to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. (**Yellow – the color of fear!**)

#### C. Jonah's life in **confusion** (Jonah 1:4-17)

##### 1. A **coma** in a storm (Jonah 1:4-6)

4 But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.

5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.

6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.

##### 2. Jonah's **confession** to the heathen (Jonah 1:7-9)

7 And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

8 Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us; What is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and of what people art thou?

9 And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land.

3. The heathen are **confused** by his disobedience (Jonah 1:10) “because he had told them.”

10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

#### **4. The heathen are **concerned** to follow God's ways (Jonah 1:11-15)**

11 Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous.

12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.

13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.

14 Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee.

15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.

#### **5. The heathen **certify** their hearts to God (Jonah 1:16)**

16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.

#### **6. Jonah's **confinement** for 3 days (Jonah 1:17)**

17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

## **II. A Repentant Prophet in Prayer**

### **A. His Prayer of **Adoration** (Jonah 2:1-4)**

#### **1. He Adored God for His . . **Accessibility**. (Jonah 2:1)**

1 Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,

#### **2. He Adored God for His . . **Patience**. (Jonah 2:2)**

2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.

#### **3. He Adored God for His . . **Sovereignty**. (Jonah 2:3)**

3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

#### **4. He Adored God for His . . **Holiness**. (Jonah 2:4)**

4 Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.

### **B. His Prayer of **Confession** (Jonah 2:3, 4, & 7)**

#### **1. His **Position** brought him to confession. (Jonah 2:3)**

3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

**2. His separation from God brought him to confession. (Jonah 2:4)**

4 Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.

5 The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.

**3. His aching soul brought him to confession. (Jonah 2:7)**

1 **John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**C. His Prayer of Thanksgiving (Jonah 2:6-9)**

1. Thanks in **praise.** (Jonah 2:6)

6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.

**2. Remember past blessings (Jonah 2:7)**

7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

**D. His Prayer of Supplication (Jonah 2:8-9)**

1. He Prayed for those he had influenced for **wrong** (Jonah 2:8)

8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

**2. Promised to sacrifice to pay back what he owed (Jonah 2:9)**

9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

**E. God's abrupt answer (Jonah 2:10)**

10 And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.