



Jonah: The Angry Prophet

Jonah 4:1-11



I. Jonah Could Not Escape God's Presence or Commands

A. Jonah Tries To Run From God

- **Satan provides Jonah with a thought and a way to try to run from God *Jon.1:2-3***

- **God uses a great storm and a monstrous fish to stop Jonah's plans *Jon.1:13-17***

“And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights” *Jon.1:17*

- **Jonah learns that even inside a great fish God's sees and knows him *Psa.139***

A. Jonah Tries To Run From God

B. Again Jonah Told To Preach To Nineveh

- **The King of Nineveh said, “Let every one turn from his evil way” *Jon.3:5-10***
 - **Jonah must have been overjoyed when he witnesses this great revival *Jon.4:1***
 - **We don't decide who will be saved. God's word draws and alienates! *Jn.8:42-47***
 - **God knows each man's motives *Ecc.12:14***

A scenic view of a coastline with waves crashing onto a sandy beach under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

II. Patriotism Obscures Jonah's Love For Lost Souls

A. Assyria Could Be Used To Punish Israel

- Eventually Assyria destroys Israel for their wickedness *Isa.10:5-11*

- Jonah understood that Nineveh without God's word would be destroyed *Jon.4:2*

“Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? **Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish**; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm.”

Jon.4

A. Assyria Could Be Used To Punish Israel

- **Eventually Assyria destroys Israel for their wickedness *Isa.10:5-11***
 - **Balaam, God's prophet, advises Balak how to destroy many Israelites *Num.32:16***
 - **Jonah understood that without God's word Nineveh would be destroyed *Jon.4:2***
 - **We see the enormous danger in ignoring our duty toward others *Rom.10:14-15***

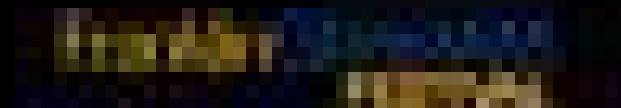
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B. Patriotism Blinds Us To Our First Loyalty

- **Is our loyalty First to God or to America?**
 - **Patriotism must not precede our teaching everyone for The Lord *Mk.16:15-16***
 - **A “party spirit” often radiates from a patriotic attitude *Lk.9:55-56***
 - **Jesus didn’t die on the cross to save only America or me – but He died for everyone!**

PRAY

**III. Jonah Was Honest
With The Lord**



A. Jonah Shows His Anger Over Nineveh

- He was honest with God both inside and outside of the great fish *Jon.4:1-3*

3 “Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for **it is better for me to die than to live!**” *Jon.4*

- When we open up to God we allow Him to teach us to see great lessons *Jn.4:1-41*

“Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?”

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B. Honestly Evaluate Your Condition

- **Becoming unfaithful is hardly ever a sudden thing *Heb.2:1-3***
 - **We prepare for apostasy by sinning in our hearts while hiding it *Jn.12:4-6***
- **Are we sincerely serving God?**
- **Do I really care about men's souls?**
- **Why are we here today?**



**IV. Jonah Saw The True
Nature of God**

A. God Is Patient While There Is Hope

- Jonah learned that God loves all men!
 - God spared the men in the ship that Jonah uses to flee from his duty *Jon.1:12-15*

10 Then God saw their works, **that they turned from their evil way**; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it. *Jon.3*

- The Lord spared Jonah and used him even though he was spiritually weak *Jon.4:6-11*

A. God Is Patient While There Is Hope

B. God Loves And Wants All To Be Saved

- We must lovingly teach the gospel to every gender, race, and nation *Col.3:9-11*

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

4 Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. *1 Tim.2*

- Let us imitate Jesus' love and concern for the souls of every person *Phil.1:3-6*

Why Did Jonah Try To Run From God Almighty?

- Some might be trying to run from God today!

The Devil Will:

- Provide us a boat

- Send the boat in the wrong direction
- Lead us into a storm
- Charge us high admission