

### 17 – RUNNING FROM GOD (JONAH 1:1-2:10)

#### I. The Attempt to Run (Jonah 1:1-17)

##### A. The Lord's Command (Jonah 1:1-2)

- The word of the Lord came to Jonah telling him to go to Nineveh.
- Jonah was to prophesy against the city because their wickedness was known to him.

##### B. Fleeing to Tarshish (Jonah 1:3)

- Jonah arose and decided to flee from the presence of Lord to Tarshish.
- Jonah went to Joppa, where he found a ship headed to Tarshish and paid the fare.

##### C. The Storm (Jonah 1:4-7)

- The Lord sent a great storm upon the sea and the ship was about to be broken up.
- The fearful sailors cried out to their gods and threw their cargo into the sea.
- Jonah was located in the lowest part of the ship where he was fast asleep.
- Jonah was awoken by the captain to cry out to his god.
- They cast lots to reveal the source of the problem and the lot fell on Jonah.

##### D. The Confrontation with Jonah (Jonah 1:8-16)

- Jonah was questioned concerning who he was and why this crisis was happening.
- Jonah revealed that he was a Hebrew and that he feared the Lord, the God of Heaven.
- When they heard this, the men were afraid because they knew Jonah was fleeing.
- They asked Jonah what they should do because they wanted the seas to become calm.
- He instructed them to throw him into the sea, but they tried to row back to the land.
- The storm grew more extreme and they cried out to God for forgiveness.
- They then threw Jonah into the water and the seas became calm.
- The sailors became fearful of the Lord and offered sacrifices to him.

##### E. The Great Fish (Jonah 1:17)

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- The Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah and he remained there three days and nights.

## II. Jonah's Prayer (Jonah 2:1-10)

### A. The Cry for Deliverance (Jonah 2:1-2)

- Jonah prayed to God from the belly of the great fish.
- He states that he cried out to God because of his affliction and the Lord answered him.

### B. The Nature of Jonah's Experience (Jonah 2:3-7)

- Jonah acknowledges that the Lord cast him into the sea and he was drowning.
- Even as he recognizes that he was cast out, he looks to God for his salvation.
- He proclaims that the Lord brought up his life from the pit of death.

### C. The Giving of Thanks (Jonah 2:8-9)

- Jonah proclaims that those who look to false idols forsake their own mercy.
- Because of salvation, Jonah will give thanks to the Lord.

### D. Jonah's Return (Jonah 2:10)

- The Lord spoke to the great fish and it vomited Jonah onto the shore.