

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE

SERMON OUTLINE

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“THE PREACHER ON THE RUN - Consequences of Disobedience”

Jonah 1:4-9

As we are all aware there are always consequences to our actions. When we make our bed, we must lie in it. For a child of God that is on the run from God, there will be discipline from God. Jonah was a prophet of God that refused to carry the message of God; he is a preacher on the run. The consequences of the disobedient will be evident in the lives of believers and unbelievers. Let us examine some evidences in a disobedient child of God's life.

I. THE FURIOUS STORM FROM THE SOVERIGN *V-4*

God uses storms in life to confront and correct His wayward children. In verse four the Bible teaches us that God was at work in the prodigal prophet's life. *Romans 8:28* can be applied to Jonah's life back then and to our life today.

Jonah's actions brought action from God. Our disobedience will bring discipline from God. Notice it says that it was “a *GREAT* wind” and “a *MIGHTY* Tempest”. The storms that God sends are not just to get our attention, but they are sent to move us to action.

II. THE FEARFUL STATE OF THE SAILORS *Vs.5-7*

A. People Will Attempt to Protect Their Person. *V. 5-6*

1. There Was Intervention *V-5a*

2. There Was Inspection *Vs.5b-6*

In *verse 6* the Bible teaches us that the pagan captain had to rebuke the prophet of God. The pagans inspected their situation, inspected the ship, and inspected the backslidden saint. . May God help us when a lost world says to us what this lost captain said to Jonah *V-6!*

B. People Will Attempt to Pinpoint the Problem *V-7*

An often-asked question in tough situations is,

“WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?”

The sailors knew that someone was to blame. Jonah's sin had brought danger to others around him. They decided to cast lots to find out who caused the trouble at hand. (*Proverbs 16:33*)

LOTS: were small stones or pebbles that were dark on one side and light on the other. They were tossed like dice to reach decisions.

Our disobedience not only affects our lives, but the lives of others.

The people had pinpointed the problem and Jonah had some explaining to do. In verse 4 we noticed the *furios storm from the Sovereign*; in *verses 5-7*, we've noticed the *fearful state of the sailors*. In *verses 8-9*, we see:

III. THE FAULT OF THE SINNER *Vs 8-9*

A. The Confrontation by the People *V-8*

The Bible tells us in verse eight of their *interrogation*. The wayward prophet was found out and confronted because of his sin.

In *verse 9* we notice:

B. The Confession by the Prophet *V-9*

Jonah had been confronted by the sailors and now he had to confess to the sin. Jonah had to lay aside any pride and confess that he was the reason for the storm. Now this is remarkable when he says – *“I fear the Lord, the God of Heaven”*.

Jonah's fear of the Lord is not a good example for us to follow. These sailors feared their pagan, dead, and ungodly idols more than Jonah feared the living God. Can you imagine the look on these sailors faces when Jonah said that he feared the Lord.

We need to be careful about our confession of faith when we are living in open rebellion. **Jonah's walk didn't line up with Jonah's talk.** Does that sound like anybody you know? We however must confess boldly, in a pagan world, that Jesus Christ is Creator, Savior, and Sustainer.