

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE

SERMON OUTLINE

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SERIES#5 - UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF JONAH

THE PREACHER ON THE RUN - "Advanced Biblical Correction" (Part 2)

Jonah 1:17; 2:1-10

This is Part 2 of the message that we started last Sunday and let me take a minute to review we saw and learned last week. Last week we learned:

I. THE DILEMMA OF THE DISOBEDIENT 1:17

- A, The **Control** of the Circumstances V-17a
- B, The **Condition** of the Circumstances V-17b
- C. The Lord referred to Jonah's ordeal as a type of His **death, burial, and resurrection**. In **Matthew 12:40**.

II. THE DEPAIR OF THE DISOBEDIENT Vs.1-9

A. Brings a Prayer to God Vs. 1-7

1. The PLACE of Prayer V.1, 2b
Jonah calls the place "Hell" and the Word is literally "Sheol" used in the NKJV. Now "Sheol" means "grave" or "death".
2. The PURPOSE of the Prayer V-2

Warren Wiersbe wrote, "*His prayer was born out of affliction, not affection. He cried out to God because he was in danger, not because he delighted in the Lord.*" The purpose of this prayer was to get immediate relief from the circumstances.

3. The PERSPECTIVE of the Prayer Vs.3-6

(1) A Grim Outlook -Vs.3,4a; 5-6a

In V-3 The sailors didn't cast Jonah into the stormy sea; God did. "You **hurled** me into the deep... all your waves and breakers swept over me" (v.3, NIV).

Jonah's despair brought a grim outlook in this prayer. There was not only a grim outlook in this prayer but there was also:

(2) A Glorious Outlook Vs.4b; 6b

Jonah was confessing that he was down, but he was not out because God was with him. Jonah turned to God when there was no one else to turn to. Jonah's despair brought a prayer to God.

We've examined the PLACE, the PURPOSE, the PERSPECTIVE of the prayer. In verses 7-8 we notice:

4. THE PRESENCE OF PRAYER Vs.7-8

(1) The Connection of the Prayer V-7

Jonah's prayer came into the presence of the Lord. Thank God Jonah remembered the Lord. Jonah remembered the God of heaven in the pit of despair. **Great Biblical Principle:**

**Sin breaks our fellowship with God,
but it does not break our relationship.**

In **verse 8**, we see:

(2) The Consciousness of the Prayer V-8

God allowed Jonah to get down in despair so that He could bring him back to the heights of repair.

In **verse 9**, we see that Jonah's despair:

B. Brings a Promise to God V-9

Jonah promised the Lord that he would do as the Lord commanded. Jonah says, '**Salvation is of the Lord.**' Salvation is God's work for us. Salvation is never man's work for God.

In chapter 1:17, we examined the **dilemma of the disobedient**. In chapter 2:1-9, we've examined the **despair of the disobedient**. In verse 10, we see:

III. THE DELIVERANCE OF THE DISOBEDIENT V-10

It has well said, "**A backslidden prophet will make a fish sick.**"

A backslidden Christian will make the Lord sick. The deliverance of the disobedient is by the Lord's word and is for the Lord's work. It pleased to give His backslidden prophet a second chance.

Psalm 50:15 says, "**Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.**"

The fish spit Jonah out on the dry land so that the prophet could hit the ground running. Have you been in God's school of Advanced Biblical Correction? Jonah graduated from the fish to go preach the message to the pagans.

Have you experienced deliverance by the Lord Jesus? Have you been saved by the Lord? Has despair in your life driven you to prayer? Thank God for His discipline and correction.