** Running From God – Jonah 1:1-17**

Jonah was a prophet at the same time as Hosea and Amos, while King Jeroboam II reigned over the Northern Kingdom of Israel. We read about Jonah in 2 Kings 14:23-25. Also, this is the only time God sends a prophet specifically to a Gentile nation with a message to repent (as opposed to just judgment). There are a lot of supernatural elements in the book of Jonah – but remember that Jesus also referenced this account in Matthew 12:40-41. Did Jonah really get swallowed by a whale – but if you believe God is the creator of Heaven and Earth, literally has power over death and hell to raise people from the grave – including Himself – then this is feasible.

1. **Remember \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
	1. We see God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		1. Vs. 4 – “But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea….”
		2. Vs. 7 – “…and the lot fell upon Jonah.”
		3. Vs. 10 – “….which hath made the sea and the dry land.”
		4. Vs. 15 – “…..and the sea ceased from her raging.”
		5. Psalms 135:6 – “Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.”
	2. We see \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		1. Vs. 2 – “…go to Nineveh…and cry against it…”
		2. John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
		3. Rom. 2:11 – “For there is no respect of persons with God.”
	3. God wants \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		1. Vs. 1 – “Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah…..”
		2. Isaiah 6:8 – “Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.”
2. **Jonah \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
	1. You can’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		1. Psalms 139:7-8 – “Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.”
		2. Proverbs 15:3 – “The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.”
		3. Proverbs 28:13 – “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”
		4. Numbers 32:23 – “But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.”
	2. The Devil wants to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		1. Vs. 3 – “But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish…”
		2. 1 Peter 5:8 – “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”
	3. Jonah Ran Away from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		1. Vs. 3 – “But Jonah rose up to flee…” (because he didn’t want to witness to Nineveh.
		2. Vs. 6-7 – When they were in a rough spot, they were clearly looking for guidance – but Jonah was sleeping in the job – and then still didn’t use the opportunity to tell them until they cast lots and it fell upon him.
			1. Matt. 28:19-20 – “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
3. **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
	1. Our Choices \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		1. Vs. 5 – “Then the mariners were afraid…”
		2. Vs. 12 – “….for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.”
	2. God will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		1. Vs. 12 – “….for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.”
		2. Hebrews 12:6 – “For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.”

**If you’ve never accepted Christ for salvation, let me share with you the simple ABC’s of Salvation**

**A – Admit you’re a sinner undeserving of going to Heaven (Rom. 3:23, 6:23)**

**B – Believe Jesus died for your sins and rose again, proving that He was God (Rom. 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4)**

**C – Confess Him as your Saviour, trusting Him as your way to Heaven (Rom. 10:9-10, Acts 16:31)**

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