


Jonah & the Whale

- 1:1 - God can use you to accomplish His purposes in the lives of others.
- God **always** teaches us what we should do & warns us about disobedience.
- 1:2 - Disobedience \equiv rebellion against God, & is always foolish!
- 1:3f - There is never a situation that is out of God's ultimate control. **Ps. 139:7f**
- 1:5f - People watch to see what difference "religion" makes in our life. **Mt. 5:16; Js. 2:18**
- 1:9f - We can't hide f/ God, or our responsibilities in His service. **Lk. 23:30; Rev. 6:16**
- 1:13 - In ignorance & rebellion, we stubbornly try to ignore God's will.
- 1:14 - The Lord is prepared for anything, & every one! **Mt. 25:34, 41**
- 1:17 - ... *The children of this world are wiser than the children of light* (**Lk. 16:8**)
- 2:1 - We often have to be down in the depths of despair before we look up,
(**Rom. 11:4; Phil. 2:10**)
- 2:2-9 - Eventually, God will have our undivided attention!
- 2:9 - *Salvation is of the Lord*, **Mt. 9:6 (Mk. 2:7; Lk. 5:21)**
- 2:10 - God is Omnipotent, **Mt. 8:27**
- 3:2 - God is very interested in the well-being of even wicked people (**1:2; Gen. 18:24-32**)
- 3:5-9 - Deliberate actions of penitence (fruits worthy of repentance, **Lk. 3:8**), when joined with faith, establish sincerity as compared to a profession of faith & repentance w/o corresponding works! (**Jas. 2:18, 24; 2 Cor. 7:10; Mt. 7:21 & Lk. 6:46**)
- 3:10 - God wants to save the wicked, not destroy them. (**2 Pet. 3:9; Jn. 3:17; 1 Tm. 2:4**)
- 4:1 - Wrong-headed thinking becomes obvious, & is ugly to all who see it!!!
- 4:3,4 - Inappropriate anger must be curtailed & overcome before it destroys others & us.
9 (**Eph. 4:26f; Prov. 14:17 & 29:22; Mt. 5:22; c. Tit. 1:7**)
- 4:3,9 -  "better for me to die than to live"
not the same as Paul's statement, **Phil. 1:21**
- Paul had something to Live For => **a purpose**
 - Paul had something to Live By => **a guide**
 - Paul had something to Share => **an offering**
 - Paul had something to Die By => **a hope**

Jonah & Jesus

(Jonah 1- 4 & Mark 4)

- Both asleep on board a ship at sea in a storm
- Both awakened: Jonah by the captain
Jesus by the apostles
- Both involved w/ the ship's security. **Mk. 4:36-39**
- Both gave themselves to save others.
(Jonah for sailors; Jesus for all)
- Both produced a great calm.
- Both *alive* after 3 days/nights experience.
- Both converted the Gentiles.
- Both f/ Galilee (Jonah f/ Gath-hepher, **2 Kg.14:25**)
(Jesus f/ Nazareth, **Mt. 2:23**)

TRUE REPENTANCE

Ninevites repented.....

w/o being offered an invitation

w/o a promise of hope of deliverance

w/o a preacher's interest in them

in the face of an angry preacher

in mass, f/ the greatest to the least

in action, turning away from wickedness

God rewards true repentance !!!

Jonah throughout the Bible (the N. T. Jonah)

Mat 12:39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but *the sign of the prophet Jonas*:

Mat 12:40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Mat 12:41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

Mat 16:4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.

Luke 11:29 And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.

Luke 11:30 For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.

Luke 11:32 The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.