

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JONAH

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

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Jeremiah 1:13a

Now the word of the LORD came to me the second time, saying...

Ezekiel 20:5a KJV

And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD...

John 3:3a KJV

Jesus said unto him, "Truly, truly, I say to you...

Jesus Being the Lord Never Said “Thus saith the Lord, but Said,
“I say Unto You”

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Luke 8:18

"Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."

How - you Hear Determines
What - you Hear

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

1.) *The Coming of God's Word*

vv. 1

*Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah
the son of Amittai, saying,*

1a.) *The Timing of God's Word*

Verse 1

NOW *the word of the LORD came to Jonah,
Saying...*

The Two Great Mysteries to Mankind

The Question of Time
And the Meaning to Life

The Question of Time

Isaiah 46:8-10

"Remember this, and show yourselves men; Recall to mind, O you transgressors. ⁹ Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, ¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,'"

Ecclesiastes 3:11a

He has made everything beautiful in its time.
Also He has put eternity in their hearts

And the Meaning to **Life**

Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Psalms 100:4

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

The Timing of God's Word

1b.) The Authenticity of God's Word

Verse 1

***Now the Word of the LORD
came to Jonah, Saying...***

The Authenticity of God's Word

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

Jesus was the Living Word

John 1:1-3, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made... ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

***The Authenticity of God's Word will Never Change.
But is it truth in my life?***

John 5:39

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

***Now the Word of the LORD
came to Jack, Saying...***

It will, He will, - speak Bible to Us

Jonah Knew God. And He was Hearing from
God

The More You Read it - - The More You'll Hear It...

1c.) The Veracity of God's Word

Verse 1

***Now the word of the LORD
Came to Jonah, Saying...***

(The sincerity, the honesty of His Word)

God Speaks to People Through His Bible, by His Holy Spirit

John 14:25-26

"These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

We Need the Holy Spirit to be Our Teacher

Acts 13:2-4a

As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. ⁴ So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went...

How do you view the Bible?

The Veracity of God's Word

It is The Living Word of God

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

There is No Contradiction with God

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

Jeremiah 15:16

Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

**So Then, The Christian is Someone Who
*Is Eating The Word, Walking by the Word,
Speaking forth the Word - Doing His Word***

Eating the Word of God

Psalm 119:174

I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight (enjoyment/pleasure).

Psalm 119:77

Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live;
for Your law is my delight (enjoyment/pleasure).

Psalm 40:8-9

I delight (enjoyment/pleasure) to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart." 9 I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness in the great assembly; indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O LORD, You Yourself know.

Psalm 1:1-2

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ² But his delight (enjoyment/pleasure) is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.

Romans 7:22

For I delight (enjoyment/pleasure) in the law of God according to the inward man.

**When You Eat His Word
– You Will Live His Word**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

2.) *The Cry of God's Word*

vv. 2

*"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it;
for their wickedness has come up before Me."*

The Cry of God's Word

2a.) *That We Should PRESENT OURSELVES to The Lord*

Verse 2

"Arise"...

(Stand to receive a command or a commission. To be awaiting orders)

Joshua 24:1-2 KJV

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and called for the elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. ² And Josua said unto them, "thus saith the Lord...

HOW DO I "PRESENT" MYSELF?

By invitation –

"PRESENT"

the verb is to yield, to give, to hand over.

The noun is to be a gift, a blessing, a gratuity

Romans 12:1 ESV

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

The Cry of God's Word

2b.) That We Should FOLLOW HIM through Life

Verse 2

"Go" to Nineveh...

We Should FOLLOW HIM through Life

Our God is the God of the Bible.

**He has Given us His Word so that we Might
Live**

Look around the world. Travel around the world.

- What has the gods of the Hindu's done for them?
 - What has Buddha done for the Buddhist?
- What has the Moon (crescent moon) god (Allah) - done for the Muslims?

Look at these Nations

**Woman are oppressed, children are used, and Men are Deified
And violence and poverty and war abound...**

The Bible, The Lord, The Only True God
TEACHES THE SUPREME VALUE OF LIFE

Will We Follow God?

The Cry of God's Word

2c.) That We Should SPEAK FORTH His Words

Verse 2

and “Cry out” against it;

Cry **HEB 7122 qara' (kaw-raw');**
to bring about an encounter, an intentional act:
to bring a cause, or to set forth the reason(s)

The Discipline, Judgment, or Wrath of God is Always First Announced

i.e. - Judas and Jesus

Luke 22:47-48

...behold, a multitude came; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. ⁴⁸ But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

Either Discipline, Judgment, or Wrath
is Being Announced.

God Gives Warning

*“for (because)
their wickedness has come up before Me.”*

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

3.) The Constancy of God's Word

vv. 3

...But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

It's Tenacity, Persistence, It's Ability to Endure

3a.) His Word is REALITY

Verse 3

...But Jonah **arose to flee** to Tarshish
from the presence of the LORD. **He went down** to Joppa,

When God Speaks There is no Fleeing from it

You may choose to neglect it / you may choose to
disobey it

BUT YOU CAN NEVER FLEE FROM IT

The Fact That Man Struggles Against

THE CONCEPT OF GOD. THE AUTHORITY OF GOD. THE WORD OF GOD

WHY DO WE RUN FROM THE CALL OF GOD?

#1 We're **afraid** of what God wants of Us

#2 We think **we know better** than God

#3 We **not willing** to let Him be Lord

#4 We are overcome by **inadequacy**

In Jonah's Case

He wasn't any of these concerns. He was unwilling to share the benefits of God's goodness with his enemies.

“Let the Bums Fry”
was Jonah’s mindset

But What is Your Mindset - in Your Life?
What Thought Governs You?

Because His Word is REALITY in Our Lives,
WE KNOW HIM. WE’RE NOT AFRAID OF HIM. CANT WAIT TO BE WITH HIM.

Where are you right now with God’s Word?

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The Constancy of God’s Word

His Word is REALITY

3b.) We CANNOT ESCAPE His Presence

Verse 3

...and so he found a ship going to Tarshish

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems (looks straight) right to a man,
but its end is the way of death.

It Looks Right, Looks Good, Looks Like God’s in It

“GOD HAS GIVEN US THE ROAD MAP TO LIFE”

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

I have never heard...
“I am So Sorry I Obeyed the Bible”

“If I wouldn’t have listened to that Bible study,
I would have been better off”

I Obeyed the Bible – Now Look at my Life!
“I’m The Captain of My Own Ship”

Just remember buddy –
when your ship begins to sink in the storms of life
you could be swallowed by a big fish!

“I’m The Captain of My Own Fish!”

**There is a Way to Surface Jonah.
It’s by being Submerged in the Lord**

We need to Grow Down

Matthew 18:1-4

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ² Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, ³ and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ "Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Becoming Childlike

They are believing, willing, obedient, faith filled, Caring, Helpful

Little kids loved being around Jesus.

God loves kids...

3c.) Man WILL NEVER FORGET His Truth

Verse 3

*(To flee) from **the presence** of the LORD.*

Psalm 139:1-10 KJV

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. ² Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. ³ Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. ⁵ Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. ⁷ Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? ⁸ If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; ¹⁰ Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

HELL WILL BE THE ABSENCE OF GOD

Matthew 25:41

"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD