

Jonah (Part 1 - Salvation is of the LORD).

Prayer - Providence, Sovereignty, Salvation. Compassion.

HYMN - 185 (292).

ITEM -

Reading - Jonah Chap 2.

Talk

- So far had much Thunderous Prophecies ^{Doom} ^{Judgement} (always with hope).

• This book almost a restite.

• Not so much words prophecy but narrative before & after.

- Jonah - We've seen him before in Bible.

2 Kings 14. 25. R

(he prophesied a word of restoration to his people Israel).

- This book is a book of compassion

God longsuffering

Patient. (comforting to us).

- A compassion even to those outside Israel.

- God is more merciful than us.

(we'll see just like Peter was reluctant to extend God's kingdom to Gentiles (Non-Jews) so Jonah also).

- Jonah means 'A Dove'

Fitting + God's people are gentle harmless as Dove's

- He, as a prophet gave 'The Word of God'

thus the Holy Spirit Gives

His symbol in the Dove.

- The time is 782-753 BC (similar time as Isaiah & Hosea)

- Is it a parable? Critics have said

But referred to by LORD as Historical fact ^(Anything OT LORD refers to is significant)

① Pic of CHRIST ⁽²⁾ Pic of REPENTANCE MATT. 12. 39-40 - 3 days night
LUKE. 11. 29-30 - repentance. R

- Incidentally (we'll come to the story in a minute)
but because familiar

~~the~~ was it a whale? H

• Word in Matt translated 'Huge Fish'
from word meaning Gapping mouth
or To Yawn
or Gulf.

• Can't say what type of fish
Not told. - Wise man never states things
beyond scripture.

- Let's get into it :-

Word of Lord comes to Jonah.

• He clearly knew what he was to do - He was a prophet.
But the Lord speaks to us & we know what
should do.

The question is - Do we do it?
- Are we obedient?

- He's told to go to Nineveh & Cry against it.

Their wickedness is come up before me

There comes a time when our sins are brought
before Lord as it were.

Then the Lord may send a warning.

Are you not hearing a warning week by week?

- Nineveh was the Great City of the Assyrians
over 48 miles around outside.

(can see bits of walls in Brit Museum).

- But Jonah goes on run! (Away from God's presence!)
AS A RESULT

• went down to Joppa

• Boarded a ship

• Paid money.

• Goes down to the sides of ship
and falls asleep.

- You can't run from God's presence - like running from AIR!
But can flee from responsibility/duty.
- We have Duty to God as our Maker
to Love/Serve/Worship
- A great privilege!
but we're Blind/Foolish/Rebellious.
- Why did he run?
• As seen in 2 Kings was used to prophesying comfortable things.
• ~~But~~ Also he knew Israel had been disobedient for years
was this a turning from them to Gentiles?
- The Lord Commands the Elements & they obey!
The Lord orders all things (nothing is outside His will).
Decree.
- He sends a great wind into sea make a storm
(He can calm as Jesus did)
(or He can whip up)
- Be mindful - all events of life are in His hands.
- The ship was about to be broken up
- Mariners cry everyone to 'own god' (useless unless to True God)
- Throw stuff overboard (things lived for taken from you or lost)
- Captain comes to Jonah
'What meanest thou, O sleeper? Arise call upon thy God,
if so be that God will think upon us; that we perish not.'
- Wise words - like words of Conscience!
He was asleep - like us
Needed to call on God - like us.
To be saved from perishing in hell.
- They knew the trouble was for a reason
(Wise enough to know the Lord has a hand)
in the affairs of life.
- They cast lots (The providence of God overrules even the small things)
- Jonah is found out.

- They ask him 'Why?'
- He says he's a Hebrew - who fears the true God
maker of Sea & Land.
and that he fled from his presence.
- They are exceedingly afraid!
- The storm was crashing about, maybe hardly hear to speak
"What should we do for it to be calm?"
Jonah "Throw me overboard" ~~€~~
(My life for yours, as it were)
- They didn't take life lightly - Looked for another WAY
- Tried to row to shore but couldn't **NO OTHER WAY than CHRIST**
(Don't try to work against God - it will be impossible)
- So they cried to the Lord. (See the compassion & wise providence of God.)
(He used all this to cause sailors to fear & find Him)
- 'Lay not upon us innocent blood'
'For thou, O Lord has done as it pleased thee'
- It was God's will
- They threw him overboard - the sea stopped raging.
- V16 - Now they feared the Lord; offered sacrifice, made vows
- Now, JONAH is a type of Christ (a forerunner in a way)
as we saw from Matt.
- Christ was 3 days in earth.
Jonah was to be a picture to typify this.
(The sailors said 'innocent blood' of Jonah)
Christ's really was!
- Christ was punished for men's sins
- Jonah was overboard because of sin.
- See God's awesome overruling power over everything
again -
- He prepares 'Great Fish' swallows Jonah
in stomach 3 days & nights.

- He's kept alive by a miracle
But it is a kind of living death.

- The Lord takes him Down.

Jonah went ~~to~~ Down to Joppa
Down to bottom of boat
now Down to bottom of the sea!

(The way of sin is Down - why go to Hell?
in this life or in the hereafter?)

- Christ suffered Hell for all those who would trust in
him on Calvary.

- 3 days, but death couldn't hold him

- There would be a kind of
resurrection for Jonah.

Chapter 2 Read x expound.

- This is Jonah's prayer - We to must pray like this

(In our sin & far from God
we can be brought to such a position.)
I hope you're brought to know it!

THE FISH WAS
ACTUALLY
A VESSEL
FOR SAVING
JONAH &
BRINGING
HIM ASHORE!

Jonah 2

1 Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,

2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.

3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

4 Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. - Look to Christ.

5 The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. - like sin & its consequences.
when this happens - **REMEMBER JONAH & PRAY!**

6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.

No Decay
Like the LORD

Totally
shut in
unable
to save
himself.

7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. - Your prayer reaches heaven.

like John Newton
in Storm.

8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. - Don't look to the deceiving ways of this rain, godless age we live in - look to God through Christ.

9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed.

Salvation is of the LORD.

I will praise God
I will vow to turn from my ways.

10 And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

Could Jonah
have saved himself?
Only God can bring it about.
He orders all things.

A miracle, a kindness
a resurrection
a Man's Salvation!

2 Kings 14:25 (King James Version)

²⁵He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which was of Gathhepher.

Matthew 12:39-40 (King James Version)

³⁹But 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:

⁴⁰For 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.

Luke 11:29-30 (King James Version)

²⁹And 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.

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