

Jonah Pt2

JONAH 1:17

17. Now **[the LORD] had prepared a great fish** to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

EXPECTATIONS [51-0507]

I believe it's the truth. Amen. Yes, sir. **If the Bible said Jonah swallowed the whale, I'd believe it because it's the Word of God.** Amen. All right.

THE QUEEN OF THE SOUTH [58-0613]

I like to carry Jonah a little further. God, by that faith, must have put an oxygen tent down in the belly of that whale. He kept him alive for three days and nights. But look what God's a doing. **No matter what takes place, God will make it praise Him anyhow.**

A MAN RUNNING FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD [65-0217]

Remember, God! Well, God was in the boat. God was in the storm. God was in the fish. **Everywhere he turned, God was there.**

PSALM 139:7-12

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.
11. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.
12. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

A MAN RUNNING FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD [65-0217]

And remember, where Jonah went, God was in the boat; God was in the storm; God was in the fish. **He went on being right along with Jonah until His perfect will was done.** That's right.

And if He's ever after you, you might dodge over here, and dodge over there, but **you'll be miserable until you come back and do the thing you started out for Him to do at the first place.**

IF GOD BE WITH US THEN WHERE IS ALL THE MIRACLES? [61-1231E]

Now, he was probably laying with his face down, when he went down in the whale's belly, 'cause they just pitched him over, just scooted right down the whale's belly. The whale said, "Well, we'll go down to the bottom of the sea now."

And I wonder what that whale thought in those three days, a funny thing was going on. Now, you see, the building of the whale, didn't appreciate it. Neither does the church denominational organization appreciate it. But, oh, how **Jonah loved it**. Sure, he did. Sure, he loved it, because **it was fresh air that God was fanning on him; he was staying alive. God, fan the fresh Air on us.**

JONAH 2:1-2

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.**

"In his affliction, he cries to Him from whom he had been seeking to hide." ~ H. A. Ironside

JONAH 2:3

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.**

PSALM 42:7

7. **Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.**

JONAH 2:4

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

PSALM 5:7

7. **But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.**

PSALM 138:2a

- 2a. **I will worship toward thy holy temple...**

II CHRONICLES 6:26

26. When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; yet **if they pray toward this place**, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them;

II CHRONICLES 6:34

34. If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they **pray unto thee toward this city** which thou hast chosen, **and the house which I have built for thy name**;

II CHRONICLES 6:38

38. If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and **pray toward their land**, which thou gavest unto their fathers, **and toward the city** which thou hast chosen, **and toward the house which I have built for thy name**;

JONAH 2:5

5. **The waters compassed me about, even to the soul**: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.

PSALM 69:1-2

1. Save me, O God; for **the waters are come in unto my soul**.
2. I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

JONAH 2:6

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**.

HEBREWS CHAPTER FOUR [57-0901E]

Eternity is... has no beginning or end. But **forever is "a space of time"**. The Bible said, "Forever and," conjunction, "forever." Jonah said he was in the belly of the whale "forever." Is a space of time.

JONAH 2:7-8

7. **When my soul fainted within me I remembered [the LORD]**: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.
8. They that observe **lying vanities** forsake their own mercy.

EXPECTATIONS [50-0810]

If Jonah, backslid, the belly of a whale, five miles deep, whale's belly all around him, could look towards a natural earthly temple, through a prayer of an earthly man that had been prayed, and believed that God heard it, how much more ought you and I, as Christians, bound with diseases, look towards the heavens, where Christ sets at the right hand of God with His own Blood making...?... intercessions now for anything.

Symptoms, they're lying vanities. Don't receive them. Don't have nothing to do with them.

If you look to them, you're looking away from God. We look at the unseen, not at what we see. No one could look at what they see and be a Christian. You've got to believe the things that's unseen, for it's by faith are you healed, not by sight or by feeling.

PERSEVERANCE [62-0218]

If Jonah could look out, refuse to see the whale's belly, **how much more can we fail to see the little ache and the little pain, or the little whatever we got!** "I look towards Your holy promise, Lord." **You can't hide a saint from his prayer**, that's all there is to it.

JONAH 2:9

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]**.

PSALM 3:8a

8a. **Salvation belongeth unto [the LORD]**:

JONAH 2:10

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

MAKING A WAY [56-0304]

God did something; He made a way of escape for Jonah. What He did, nobody knows. That's God's own secret. But no matter whether it was impossible, **God can cir--can alter circumstances. He can make the impossible become a probable, and not only probable, they could make it a reality**, when man take God at His Word and accept the provided way, that God provided for the man.

God did something; He might have put a oxygen tent down there. I don't know what He did in the belly of that whale, but He kept Jonah in there for three days and nights as a type that Christ would lay without oxygen in the belly of the earth, and on the third day He will come out again. Was a type; **He made a way of escape. He always will.**