

Jonah Pt5

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.

THE QUEEN OF THE SOUTH [58-0613]

Now, many people get the wrong conception of Jonah. We try saying, "He's a Jonah." I like to stop just a minute for him. Jonah, he was no bad person. He was a real man of God. There's nothing happens providential to a real true servant of God; it all works together for good to them that love God. And Jonah was commissioned to go to Nineveh, but that ship going to Tarshish, wasn't the relief to the least resistance. **It was God's provided way.** And men who are honest and sincere in their heart (And you be sincere no matter what happens!), **it's God moving you.**

JONAH 3:10

10. And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and **God [repented]** of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

HEBREW LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 5162

nacham {naw-kham'}

to be sorry, be moved to pity, have compassion

ACTS 3:19

19. **[Repent] ye therefore, and be converted,**

GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 3340

metanoeo {met-an-o-eh'-o}

to change one's mind, i.e. to repent; to change one's mind for better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one's past sins

The Battle of Nineveh (612 BC)

- "An allied army composed of Medes and the Chaldeans, rebelling against the Assyrians, together with Scythians and Cimmerians, besieged... what was at that time, the greatest city in the world." ~ Wikipedia
- "Babylon became the imperial center of Mesopotamia for the first time in over a thousand years..." ~ Wikipedia

THE VOICE OF THE SIGN [64-0214]

Jonah come forth, he was a prophet. The Lord sent him. He tried to bypass it, like Moses.

You can't bypass the issue. Many man will want to pat you on the back, and say, "Come into our group. Come into our group." There is no group. God is the only one you're under. See? "Come to us."

He by-passed and went, started to Tarshish. God put him in a whale, sent him right back. And he went in there, and that was the sign. And the Voice of the sign, was to "Repent or perish!" **They followed the Voice because they believed the sign, and they didn't perish.** And that's the only way it was, because they believed the sign and heard the Voice.

That's the only way that the members of the churches of this day will fail to go into the Judgment, is when they **believe the sign and hear the Voice of God.**

The Voice was, "Repent or perish!"

JONAH 4:1-3

1. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and **he was very angry.**
2. And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, **was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country?** Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.
3. Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for **it is better for me to die than to live.**

JONAH 3:4

4. And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, **Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.**

THE FAITH THAT WAS ONCE DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS [53-1129A]

Look at Jonah when he was on his road to Nineveh and taken a boat to Tarshish, and he... God... He disobeyed God, and he was throwed out of the ship and a whale swallowed him, and--and he was brought back to Nineveh, and he gave his prophecy, so much was a city the size of St. Louis, Missouri, over a million population. Some of them didn't even know right nor left hand. But that prophet walked the streets a screaming his prophecy like that until the people repented in such a way they put sackcloth on their animals.

And then when the inspiration left him, he set under a little gourd tree and prayed God would take his life. Is that right? See, you don't understand it. **He was up somewhere, and while the inspiration was on him, all right, but when it leaves him then what?** See?

JONAH 1:1-2

1. Now **the word of the LORD came unto Jonah** the son of Amittai, saying,
2. Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

JONAH 3:1-2

1. And **the word of the LORD came unto Jonah** the second time, saying,
2. Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

JONAH 2:10

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

JONAH 4:4-11

4. Then said the LORD, **Doest thou well to be angry?**
5. So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.
6. And **the LORD God prepared a gourd**, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So **Jonah was exceeding glad** of the gourd.
7. But **God prepared a worm** when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.
8. And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that **God prepared a vehement east wind**; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, **It is better for me to die than to live.**
9. And God said to Jonah, **Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd?** And he said, **I do well to be angry, even unto death.**
10. Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:
11. And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than **sixscore thousand persons** that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also **much cattle?**