

# The Prayer - Part 2: Projectile Prayer

## Jonah 2:1-10

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### Looking Back: A Key To Prayer

- What Prayers Do We Expect? (Repentance & Forgiveness)
- Our Past Should Inform Our Prayers & Our Present Should Form Our Prayers

### Looking At What Is Prayed

1. Prayer Focused On Personal Deliverance - Notice The Focus Of The Prayer: "I" "Me" — Jonah's Focus In Prayer Is Himself First And Foremost (**2:1 & Ps. 120:1**)
2. Chiastic Prayer Focused On How Yahweh Allows & Delivers From Personal Distress
  - A - Invocation & Answer (**2:2**)
  - B - Yahweh Acts To Allow Suffering (**2:3a**)
  - C - Description Of Personal Distress (**2:3b-6b**)
  - B' - Yahweh Acts To Save In The Midst Of Suffering (**2:6c**)
  - A' - Invocation & Answer (**2:7**)
3. A Contrasted Conclusion (**2:8-9**)
  - **Jonah 2:8 & Psalm 31:6** -
  - **Jonah 2:9 & Psalm 3:8** -
  - Projectile Prayer (**2:10**) - What Is Inside You Will Come Out
  - **יָקֵחַ** (Yakeh) - vomit out (**Lev. 18:28**)

### Looking Forward: A Key To Prayer

1. Looking Forward to Meeting With God In The Temple (2:4, 7)
2. Looking Forward to Living Again (2:2,5-7)
3. Looking Forward to God's Mission (?)
4. Looking Forward to Peter: Simon Bar-Jonah (Matt.16:17 & Acts 9:42-Acts 10)
5. Looking Forward to Jesus: The Sign of Jonah (Matt. 16:1-4 & 12:38-41)

Conclusion: God in His mercy still hears the dysfunctional prayer of broken sinners, & even self-righteous hypocrites. Prayers that do not hit the mark, God, in His mercy can receive, translate & mercifully respond to.

## Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. As we have studied this prayer in Jonah 2 what has struck you and helped you?
2. How much of your prayers are informed and formed by the past, the present and the future? Which tends to affect your prayers the most? The past? The present? Or the future?
3. Much of Jonah's prayer is a prayer focused on deliverance from personal distress. What kinds of personal distress have you walked through and what kinds of prayers has distressing situations lead you to pray? In what ways is Jonah a good example of prayer? In what ways is Jonah a bad example of prayer?
4. Consider what Jonah is looking forward to in Jonah 2. What do you look forward to when you pray and talk to God?
5. Discuss Simon Bar Jonah and the Sign of Jonah. What is the sign of Jonah? Why does Jesus bring this up during his ministry?
6. What examples have you seen when God has listened to and been attentive to dysfunctional prayers? How does this show God's incredible mercy?