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JONAH

SALVATION BELONGS TO THE LORD



FORGETTING GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY

JONAH 3:10-4:5



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When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country?”



JONAH 3:10-4:5 (cont.)

“That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Do you do well to be angry?”



JONAH 3:10-4:5 (cont.)

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THE DIVINE CONSTANCY



“The divine constancy involves several aspects. There is first no quantitative change. God cannot increase in anything, because he is already perfection. Nor can he decrease, for if he were to, he would cease to be God. There is no qualitative change. The nature of God does not undergo any modification. Therefore, God does not change his mind, plans, or actions, for these rest on his nature, which remains unchanged no matter what occurs.”

MILLARD ERICKSON



PSALM 102:25-27

“Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away but you are the same, and your years have no end.”



MALACHI 3:6

“For I the LORD do not change...”



JAMES 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.





GENESIS 6:5-6

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD *regretted* that he had made man on the earth, and it *grieved* him to his heart.





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6. We CANNOT trust that JESUS WILL RETURN!





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**THROWING A
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JONAH 4:1

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry.





2 PETER 3:9

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.



JONAH 4:2

And he prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.”





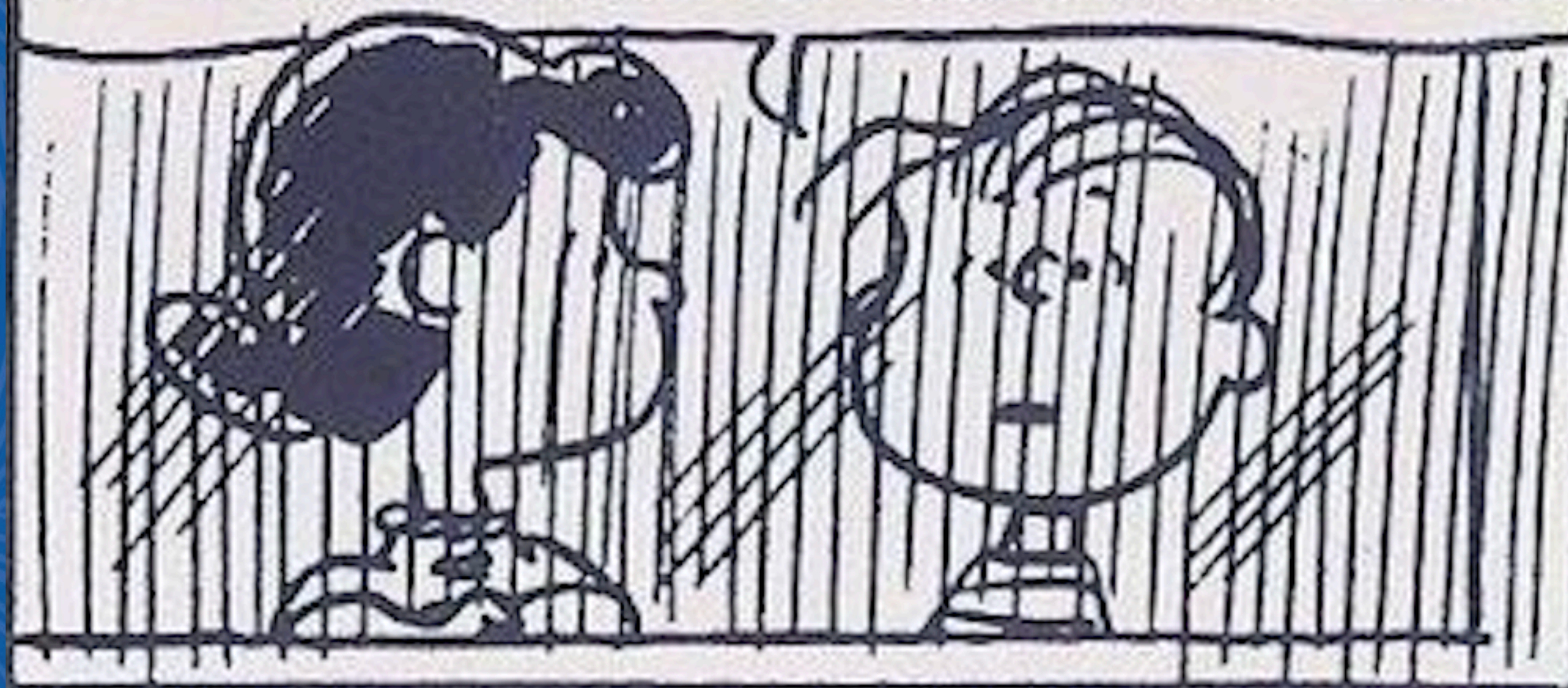
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IT WILL NEVER DO THAT..IN THE NINTH CHAPTER OF GENESIS, GOD PROMISED NOAH THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN, AND THE SIGN OF THE PROMISE IS THE RAINBOW..



YOU'VE TAKEN A GREAT
LOAD OFF MY MIND...



SOUND THEOLOGY HAS A
WAY OF DOING THAT!



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THE SCHOOL OF GRACE



“Jonah’s story reminds us that few believers follow an unbroken ascent from unbelief upward into gloriously victorious faith. Instead, we tend to progress with steps and halts, advances and slips.”

RICHARD D. PHILLIPS



JONAH 4:4

And the LORD said, “Do you do well to be angry?”



EXODUS 34:6

“...a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger,
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JONAH 4:5

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