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JONAH

SALVATION BELONGS TO THE LORD



**THAT THE WORKS
OF GOD MIGHT BE
DISPLAYED**

JONAH 1:17-2:10



PSALM 119:67

“Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I
keep your word.”





JOHN 9:3

Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.”



“When his purposes involve affliction and suffering of any kind, the knowledge that he [God] is sovereignly over-ruling is the only thing that preserve us from a craven fear or a sense of despair, and bring us a measure of joyful and willing acceptance of our situation.”

SINCLAIR FERGUSON





JONAH 1:17-2:10

And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, saying, “I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.



JONAH 1:17-2:10 (cont.)

“For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.’ The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me;”



JONAH 1:17-2:10 (cont.)

“...weeds were wrapped about my head at the roots of the mountains I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God. When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.”



JONAH 1:17-2:10 (cont.)

“Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!”
And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.





THE SOVEREIGN

ACTING

SOVEREIGNLY



“And this is the tragedy of the Book of Jonah, that a book which is made the means of one of the most sublime [beautiful] revelations of truth in the Old Testament should be known to most only for its connections with a whale.”

G. A. SMITH



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**SOVEREIGNLY
AFFLICTED**



JONAH 2:1-3

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PROVERBS 3:11-12

“My son, do not despise the LORD’s discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.”



HEBREWS 12:5-6

And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. **6** For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”





**SOVEREIGNLY
GRACED**



JONAH 2:4-7

“Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.’ The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God.’



JONAH 2:4-7 (cont.)

‘When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.’





SOVEREIGNLY

SAVED



EPHESIANS 2:4-7 (paraphrase)

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved **JONAH**, even when **JONAH** was dead in his trespasses, made **JONAH** alive together with Christ—(by grace **JONAH** has been saved)—and raised **JONAH** up with **Christ** and seated **JONAH** with **Christ** in the heavenly places,



Ephesians 2:4-7 (paraphrase cont.)

...so that in the coming ages **GOD** might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward **JONAH** in Christ Jesus.



JONAH 2:8-9

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**SALVATION
BELONGS TO THE
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“Anything good we ever preach has been made possible by a prior testimony of God's mercy.”

ZACK ESWINE



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