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JONAH

SALVATION BELONGS TO THE LORD



FLEEING FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

JONAH 1:1-4



JOHN 5:39

“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me.”



“What he asks about the resurrection of the dead could be settled.... But if he thinks to solve all such questions as...those about Jonah...he little knows the limitations of human life or his own.”

ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO





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“Having trained hard and being well prepared for the climb, one might assume that a successful ascent (as well as descent) is assured. Such an attitude, as every experienced mountain climber knows, is foolhardy. And like great mountains, great books [like Jonah] command respect.”

BRYAN D. ESTELLE





JONAH 1:1-4

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish.



JONAH 1:1-4 (cont.)

So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD. But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up.



GOD:

“GET UP AND GO!”



JONAH 1:1

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2 KINGS 14:23-25

In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, began to reign in Samaria, and he reigned forty-one years. And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel to sin.



2 KINGS 14:23-25 (cont.)

He restored the border of Israel from Lebo-hamath as far as the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, which he spoke by his servant **Jonah the son of Amittai**, the prophet, who was from Gath-hepher.





JONAH 1:2

“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.”



JONAH: GONE UP AND FLED



JONAH 1:3a

But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.



“Our problem in obeying God is not that we do not understand what he is saying, but that we do!”

SINCLAIR FERGUSON



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10. Covet anything of our neighbor's



ROMANS 3:20

...through the law comes the knowledge of sin.



JONAH 4:2b

“I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
and relenting from disaster.”



JONAH 1:3

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“It is often true in the Christian pilgrimage that when we have a heart to rebel against God, that there will frequently be the providential means put before us to give us the opportunity. But when we are on the run from God, his providences are wise tests, they are never gracious excuses.”

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“Our heart is continually inclined to rebel against the Lord our God. So ready to rebel, that O, so gladly, were it but for a single day, we would take from His hands the reins of His supreme rule, imagining that we would manage things far better and direct them far more effectively than God.”

ABRAHAM KUYPER



THE HOUND OF HEAVEN



“As the hound follows the hare, never ceasing in its running, ever drawing nearer in the chase, with unhurrying and unperturbed pace, so does God follow the fleeing soul by His Divine grace. And though in sin or in human love, away from God it seeks to hide itself, Divine grace follows after, unwearingly follows ever after, till the soul feels its pressure forcing it to turn to Him alone in that never ending pursuit.”

JOHN O'CONNOR



JONAH 1:4

But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up.



ACTS 17:28

“In him we live and move and have our being.”



PSALM 139:7-10

“Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.”





JOEL 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.



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