

## Jonah - Part 2

**Jonah 1:11 NKJV** - *“Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you that the sea may be calm for us?”—for the sea was growing more tempestuous.”*

Tempestuous - raging, getting stronger not weaker.

**Jonah 1:12 NKJV** - *“And he said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest is because of me.””*

Jonah was intentionally disobeying God and he knew it. And he knew this was why they were in the mist of a storm.

**Jonah 1:13 NKJV** - *“Nevertheless the men rowed hard to return to land, but they could not, for the sea continued to grow more tempestuous against them.”*

**Jonah 1:14-15 NKJV** - *“Therefore they cried out to the Lord and said, “We pray, O Lord, please do not let us perish for this man’s life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for You, O Lord, have done as it pleased You.” So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.”*

The storm suddenly ceasing was a miracle, not a natural event.

**Jonah 1:16 NKJV** - *“Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the Lord and took vows.”*

**Jonah 1:17 NKJV** - *“Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.”*

**Belly** - inner organs, digestive system.

This was not a pleasant experience for Jonah. This was miserable.

And keep in mind that Jonah is here for 1 reason and 1 reason only, he is stubborn, prejudice against the Ninevites and doesn't want to go there and deliver the message God told him to deliver.

**Jonah 2:1 NKJV** - *“Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the fish’s belly.”*

THEN Jonah prayed. After 3 days and 3 nights in the belly of this giant fish, THEN he prays? 3 day and 3 nights Jonah was in there. Probably thinking he'd rather die than to go to what God told him to.

**Jonah 2:2 NKJV** - *“And he said: “I cried out to the Lord because of my affliction, And He answered me. “Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice.”*

It doesn't ever matter how horrible of a mess you've gotten yourself into, cry out to God He hears you!!!

**Jonah 2:3** NKJV - *“For You cast me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas, And the floods surrounded me; All Your billows and Your waves passed over me.”*

**Jonah 2:4-5** NKJV - *“Then I said, ‘I have been cast out of Your sight; Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.’ The waters surrounded me, even to my soul; The deep closed around me; Weeds were wrapped around my head.”*

**Jonah 2:6** NKJV - *“I went down to the moorings of the mountains; The earth with its bars closed behind me forever; Yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O Lord, my God.”*

**Jonah 2:7** NKJV - *““When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord; And my prayer went up to You, Into Your holy temple.”*

**Jonah 2:8** NKJV - *““Those who regard worthless idols Forsake their own Mercy.”*

The word mercy here is the word hesed. God’s loving kindness and goodness towards us.

It was Jonah’s decision to walk away from God. Walking away from God disconnected him from God’s loving kindness and the good things He had planned for Jonah’s life.

**Jonah 2:9** NKJV - *“But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.””*

Jonah decided to change his ways, finally. God is patient with us as well.

**Matthew 12:38** NKJV - *“Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.””*

Jesus had done so many miracles and signs. They didn’t need to see another one, they simply needed to believe but they were instead always trying to prove Jesus wrong.

**Matthew 12:39** NKJV - *“But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.”*

He didn’t say in the story, fiction story of a character named Jonah. This really happened to Jonah.

**Matthew 12:40** NKJV - *“For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”*

Jonah was paying for his sin, Jesus was paying for the sins of all of us!!!

**Matthew 12:41** NKJV - *“The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.”*

Jesus was saying that the people of Nineveh repented at Jonah’s preaching, and yet one is here right now, greater than Jonah, and many of you are not listening!!!

**Jonah 2:10** NKJV - *“So the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.”*

If the Lord can speak to a fish, and the fish hears Him and obeys, certainly we can hear from God, understand what He says, and obey what He says regardless of the situation we are in.