

The Prayer That Saves pt 2

Jonah 2:1-9

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Jonah 2:1-4 [Legacy Standard Bible]

¹Then Jonah prayed to Yahweh his God from the stomach of the fish,

²and he said, "I called out of my distress to Yahweh, And He answered me. I cried for help from the belly of Sheol; You heard my voice.

³"For You had cast me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas, And the current surrounded me. All Your breakers and waves passed over me.

⁴"So I said, 'I have been driven away from Your sight. Nevertheless I will look again toward Your holy temple.'

Isaiah 55:8-9 [Legacy Standard Bible]

⁸“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares Yahweh.

⁹“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Jonah 3:10 – 4:1 [Legacy Standard Bible]

¹⁰Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way, so God relented concerning the evil which He had spoken He would bring upon them. And He did not bring it upon them.

¹But this was a great evil to Jonah, and he became angry.

Outline of Jonah 2:2-9

- I. The God Who Hates (Jonah 2:3-7)
- II. The God Who Hears (Jonah 2:2,7,9)
- III. The God Who Heals (Jonah 2:8-9)

Jonah 2:3-7 (LSB)

³"For You had cast me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas, And the current surrounded me. All Your breakers and waves passed over me.

^{4a}"So I said, 'I have been driven away from Your sight.

⁵"Water encompassed me to my very soul. The great deep surrounded me, Weeds were wrapped around my head.

^{6a}"I went down to the base of the mountains. The earth with its bars closed behind me forever,

⁷"While my soul was fainting within me,

I. The God Who Hates (Jonah 2:3-7)

Proverbs 6:16–19 (LSB)

¹⁶There are six things which Yahweh hates, Even seven which are an abomination to Him:

¹⁷Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood,

¹⁸A heart that devises wicked thoughts, Feet that hasten to run to evil,

¹⁹A false witness who breathes out lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.

I. The God Who Hates (Jonah 2:3-7)

Romans 1:18 (LSB)

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

I. The God Who Hates (Jonah 2:3-7)

Psalms 5:5–6 (LSB)

⁵The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all **workers** of iniquity.

⁶You destroy those who speak falsehood; Yahweh abhors the **man** of bloodshed and deceit.

Psalms 11:5 (LSB)

⁵Yahweh tests the righteous, But the wicked and **the one who** loves violence His soul hates.

I. The God Who Hates (Jonah 2:3-7)

Ephesians 2:1–3 (LSB)

¹And you were dead in your transgressions and sins,
²in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience,
³among whom we all also formerly conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

I. The God Who Hates (Jonah 2:3-7)

Amos 5:1 (LSB)

¹Hear this word which I take up for you as a funeral lament, O house of Israel:

Amos 5:21–22 (LSB)

²¹"I hate, I reject your feasts, Nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²"Even though you offer up to Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them; And I will not even look at the peace offerings of your fatlings.

Jonah 2:3-7 (LSB)

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I. The God Who Hates (Jonah 2:3-7)

Jonah 1:2 (LSB)

²"Arise, go to Nineveh, the great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before Me."

II. The God Who Hears (Jonah 2:2,7,9)

Psalm 8:4 (LSB)

⁴What is man that You remember him, And the son of man
that You care for him?

II. The God Who Hears (Jonah 2:2,7,9)

Proverbs 15:8 (LSB)

⁸The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to Yahweh, But the prayer of the upright is His delight.

Isaiah 59:2 (LSB)

²But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God,
And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

Psalms 51:17 (LSB)

¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart,
O God, You will not despise.

II. The God Who Hears (Jonah 2:2,7,9)

^{2b}...He answered me... You heard my voice.

⁷"While my soul was fainting within me, I remembered
Yahweh, And my prayer came to You, To Your holy temple.

^{9a}But as for me, I will sacrifice to You With the voice of
thanksgiving.

II. The God Who Hears (Jonah 2:2,7,9)

Exodus 2:23–24 (LSB)

²³Now it happened in the course of those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel sighed because of the slavery, and they cried out; and their cry for help because of their slavery rose up to God.

²⁴So God heard their groaning; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

II. The God Who Hears (Jonah 2:2,7,9)

Judges 2:18 (LSB)

¹⁸Now when Yahweh raised up judges for them, Yahweh was with the judge and saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for Yahweh was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed and suppressed them.

Judges 10:16 (LSB)

¹⁶So they removed the foreign gods from among them and served Yahweh; and He could bear the trouble of Israel no longer.

II. The God Who Hears (Jonah 2:2,7,9)

Jonah 4:11 (LSB)

¹¹“So should I not have pity on Nineveh, the great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know the difference between their right and left hand, as well as many animals?”

II. The God Who Hears (Jonah 2:2,7,9)

2 Chronicles 33:12–13 (LSB)

¹²And when he was in distress, he entreated Yahweh his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers.

¹³Then he prayed to Him, and He was moved by his entreaty and heard his supplication, and returned him back to Jerusalem to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that Yahweh was God.

III. The God Who Heals (Jonah 2:8-9)

Jonah 2:7–9 (LSB)

⁷“While my soul was fainting within me, I remembered
Yahweh, And my prayer came to You, To Your holy temple.

⁸“Those who regard worthless idols Forsake their
lovingkindness,

⁹But as for me, I will sacrifice to You With the voice of
thanksgiving. That which I have vowed I will pay. Salvation
belongs to Yahweh.”

God Hates, God Hears, God Heals

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live

III. The God Who Heals (Jonah 2:8-9)

Jonah 2:9c (LSB)

⁹...Salvation belongs to Yahweh."

1 Corinthians 2:16 (LSB)

¹⁶For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will direct Him?
But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 13:12 (LSB)

¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.

2 Chronicles 7:12-15 (LSB)

¹²Then Yahweh appeared to Solomon at night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice.

¹³"If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the grasshopper to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people,

¹⁴and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their evil ways, then I will listen from heaven, I will forgive their sin, and I will heal their land.

¹⁵"Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer offered in this place.