

Second Chances But God

Jonah 2:1-10 From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. **2** He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry. **3** You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. **4** I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' **5** The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. **6** To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God. **7** "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. **8** "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. **9** But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD." **10** And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Second Chance Prayers

Pray with commitment to my God.

v. 1 From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God

Pray with desperation from my deep places.

v. 2 "In my distress I called to the LORD.....from the depths of the grave I called for help.

Pray knowing God answers me every time.

v. 2 and he answered me.....and you listened to my cry.

Pray for the restoration of my relationship with God.

v. 4 I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.'

Pray believing in the "But God" breakthroughs.

v. 6 But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God.

Pray with a burden for those who are making bad eternal trades.

v. 8 "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs.

I need to prepare to make good on my new vows to sacrifice and to serve.

v. 9 But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD."

Key reminder : Salvation comes from the Lord.

Ephesians 2:8-10 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Additional Study on Prayer

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| Monday | Romans 8:26-39 |
| Tuesday | I Timothy 2:1-7 |
| Wednesday | Isaiah 26:1-10 |
| Thursday | Psalms 51 |
| Friday | Matthew 6:5-15 |