



One of the greatest character qualities a Christian can possess is considering the vantage of others trying to \_\_\_\_\_ their perspective (Rom. 12:15-16). We work hard to consider others vantage points through the lens of the Bible. The Bible is always our balance and true north for the right vantages and perspectives. Jonah himself likely wrote this self-incriminating book giving us a first-hand viewpoint of these extraordinary events from many perspectives. Today we will examine this short-lived journey to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord through the perspectives of Jonah, the mariners, and God Himself (Ecc. 1:9).

## VANTAGES OF THE VOYAGE – Jonah 1

### 1. The Perspective of Jonah

- He was sound \_\_\_\_\_ as trouble was everywhere – v. 5-6; Matt. 26:37-45; Acts 20:7-9; Rom. 13:11.
- He was reluctantly \_\_\_\_\_ when questioned – v. 6-9; 1 Jn. 2:20-21; 1 Cor. 13:12; 1 Sam. 3:18.
- He was willing to run from the presence of the Lord and \_\_\_\_\_ for his own cause – v. 10-12.

*He lost his awareness (2 Sam. 12:7-13)*

*He lost his testimony and \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 19:14)*

*He lost God's \_\_\_\_\_ in his life (Job 23:3)*

*He lost his desire for and the power of \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 7:7-8, 21:21)*

### 2. The Perspective of the Mariners

- They thought their journey to Tarshish was just like \_\_\_\_\_ other day – v. 3; Eph. 2:1-2; Lk. 13:1-5.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ it was no ordinary storm – v. 4-7; Matt. 8:26; Rom. 1:20; Rev. 16:9-11; Ps. 107:28-29.
- They worked hard to save themselves their own way – v. 5-7, 11-13; Acts 4:12; Matt. 27:4.

*They called upon their \_\_\_\_\_ (Deut. 4:35, 39; Is. 37:19; 45:5-6, 22; 1 Sam. 5:4; 1 Ki. 18:22)*

*They cast their wares and trusted in \_\_\_\_\_ (Tit. 3:5; Eph. 2:8-9; 2 Pet. 1:4)*

- They experienced God at this moment of time offering a sacrifice and making \_\_\_\_\_ to Him – v. 16; Rom. 10:9-10.

### 3. The Perspective of God

- God \_\_\_\_\_ Jonah – v. 1, 4; 2 Ki. 14:23-27; Jer. 31:3; Ps. 107:28-29.
- God \_\_\_\_\_ these mariners and knew they were ready to repent – v. 6; 1 Jn. 4:8, 16; Rom. 8:28.
- God \_\_\_\_\_ the Assyrians and knew they were ready to repent – Jon. 4:11; 2 Pet. 3:9.