

A Study of Jonah – Week 3

Week 3: God extends His grace in many ways to Jonah.

Day 1- Overview - Read Jonah 2:1-10

1. Where is Jonah when he finally decides to pray to the Lord?
2. How might you relate to Jonah?
3. From reading Jonah's prayer, do you think he was repentant for his disobedience? Explain.
4. Briefly, how do you see God's grace in all this?

Application: How will you avoid being like Jonah regarding prayer today?

Day 2 – Gods grace in providing a fish. Read 2:1-2

1. Did God provide the great fish as a punishment or salvation for Jonah? Did God's grace first come before or after Jonah cried out for help?
2. Where was Jonah when he finally prayed to the Lord? How would you relate Jonah to the prodigal son parable in Luke 15:11-18?
3. How might you personally relate to Jonah's hesitation to pray?
4. Where do you see God's grace in these two verses?
5. What was Jonah's emotional condition when he finally called out to God? Why do you suppose we wait so long before calling out to God?

Application: How will you avoid waiting until you are distressed to call on the Lord today?

Day 3 – Gods grace brings Jonah from the pit. Read 2:3-6

1. Who would you say hurled Jonah into the sea?
2. Some of Jonah's prayer comes from the Psalms. See for Jn. 2:2 - Ps. 120:1; Jn. 2:3 - Ps. 42:7; Jn. 2:4 - Ps. 31:22; Jn. 2:5 - Ps. 69:1; Jn. 2:8 - Ps. 31:6; and Jn. 2:9 - Ps. 116:17-18. What does this say to you about memorizing scripture?
3. From verses 3-6, would you say Jonah actually died (note: "the pit" refers to the grave)? See Ps 18:5; 28:1; 30:3; 116:3
4. Where do you see God's grace in these verses?

Application: What will you apply to your life today from you have learned in these verses?

Day 4 – Gods saving grace. – Read 2:7-9

1. In Jn. 2:7, what did it take for Jonah to remember the Lord? Do you think Ps. 77:11-12 relates to Jonah's thinking at this time? Explain
2. According to Jn. 2:8, what do we forfeit when we cling to our idols (see 2 Kings 17:15-18; Jeremiah 10:6-10)?

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3. Identify three statements Jonah makes in Jn. 2:9.
4. What does each of these statements mean to you personally?
5. How do you see God's grace in these statements?

Application: How will you sacrifice for, and give thanks to, the Lord today?

Day 5 – By God's grace, Jonah is referred to by Jesus Christ as a sign. – Read 2:10

Read Luke 11:29-30 and then use the following questions to discover the similarities between Jonah and Jesus.

1. What was Jonah's mission (see 1:1)? What was Jesus' mission (see Matt. 28:18-20)?
2. What was Jonah willing to do (see 1:12)? What was Jesus willing to do (see Matt. 20:28; Mark 10:45; John 1:29; 1 Timothy 2:6)?
3. Where was Jonah entombed (see 2:1)? Where was Jesus placed after His death (see Matt. 27:58-60; Mark 6:29; Luke 23:53)?
4. What happened to Jonah on the third day (2:10)? What happened to Jesus on the third day (see Matthew 17:23; 20:19; 28:1-10; Mark 9:31; 10:34; 16:1-7; Luke 9:22; 18:33; 24:7; 24:46)? We will see more similarities in later chapters.
5. Identify some attributes of God's that you've seen in this chapter.

Application: How will seeing this relationship between Jonah's life and Jesus' help you trust more in the Lord today?