

Jonah Is Saved: He Prays and Repents

Jonah 01:17–02:10

1. *The Lord saved Jonah*

- a. He led a huge fish to swim by the ship and swallow Jonah
- b. He kept Jonah there for 3 days and 3 nights, Mat 12:39-40

2. *The Lord heard Jonah's prayer and cry of repentance*

- a. Jonah called on the LORD — not on a worthless idol or god
- b. Jonah called when he needed help: He was in distress, as good as dead
 - 1) He sank to the depths of the ocean
 - 2) He was in the midst of the stormy, turbulent sea with currents raging and waves breaking over him
- c. Jonah repented
 - 1) He felt cut off from God
 - 2) He vowed to turn back to God — to His holy temple

17 Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

CHAPTER 2

- 1 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 deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry.
- 3 You hurled me into the depths, 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.'

3) He repented when his life was threatened

- By the engulfing sea
- By the seaweed
- By being so deep under water

d. Jonah received deliverance from the pit of the earth and death (Hades, hell)

1) Because he remembered the LORD:
Made a re-commitment to Him

2) Because he prayed

3) Because he called on the only true God, not on a worthless idol

4) Because he praised God and promised to keep his vow of repentance (v. 4):
Acknowledged that salvation comes only from the LORD

3. *The Lord gave Jonah a new life: Had the fish spew him out after 3 days and nights — a type of Christ's death and resurrection, Mat 12:39-40*

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, LORD my God, brought my life up from the pit.

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 turn away from God’s love for them.

9 But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’ ”

10 And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.