

JONAH

Background Information

The Man

- Jonah means “Dove”
- From Gath-hepher – According to II Kings 14:25 located 3-4 miles from Nazareth

Jonah could not grieve over sin as God does and Jonah could not rejoice over repentance as God does.

The Ministry

Contemporary of King Jeroboam II 790-750 BC

His whole message is 8 words (half of a verse)

The only prophet to run from God.

Ministered in the Northern Kingdom

Prophesied in II Kings 14:25

The Book

Theme – God’s concern for the lost

- First two chapters - saves a sinner
- Last two chapters – saves a city

7 times in the book God spoke: “the Word of the Lord came”

Jesus affirmed the book – Matt 12:40; Luke 11:30

Date - Approximately 760 BC

Information gathered from:

- Open Bible, page 980
- Bible Knowledge Commentary
- Notes from Joel Spencer’s class

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Jonah 1:16

Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Jonah 1:16

Read – Jonah 1:1-6

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer _____

Examine –

1. What came to Jonah?
2. Who was his father?
3. Where did God want Jonah to go?
4. What was he to do there?
5. Why was he to go?
6. Where did Jonah attempt to go instead?
7. From what was he trying to flee?
8. Where did he find a ship and where was the ship going?
9. What did the LORD send to try to get Jonah's attention?
10. What did it look like would happen to the ship?
11. Who was afraid?
12. To whom did they cry?
13. What did they cast from the ship?
14. What was this?
15. What was Jonah doing?
16. Who came to Jonah?
17. What did he want him to do?

Apply-

Can we ever get away from God's presence?

How have you been obedient to God's call on your life now?

How have you run from God?

Did or are you facing a "storm" because of it?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Jonah 1:16

Read – Jonah 1:7-12

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer _____

Examine –

1. What did the men do to determine who was causing this?
2. On whom did the lot fall?
3. What did they want Jonah to tell them?
4. What four questions did they ask him?

5. What fact did Jonah bring out about God when telling the men whom he served?
6. What was the men's response?
7. What was the men's logical question to him?
8. What did they want to know from Jonah in verse 11?
9. What was the sea doing?
10. What was Jonah's answer to them?
11. What did Jonah know about the storm?
12. What else could Jonah have done to solve the problem?

Apply-

Even through all this Jonah did not want to yield to God's wishes. He was willing to die instead of obey God. Are you this way? Would you rather do anything than obey God?

What is the hardest thing God could ever ask you to do?

Do you have a tender heart?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Jonah 1:16

Read – Jonah 1:13-17

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer _____

Examine –

1. Did the men want to do what Jonah said?
2. What did they do to avoid this?
3. Did it work?
4. Why did it not?
5. To whom did they cry?
6. What did they want from God?
7. What kind of blood did they say he was?
8. What did they recognize at the end of verse 14?
9. What did they finally do to Jonah?
10. What happened to the sea?
11. What was the result of the men observing the sea?
12. What two things did they do?

13. What had God prepared?
14. What did it do?
15. How long was Jonah in the belly?

Apply-

Can you imagine all that Jonah had already been through, and then it takes him three days to give in to God's will! Stubbornness would be an understatement. How stubborn are you?

What have you done that, as you look back, you can't believe it took you so long to break?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Jonah 1:16

Read – Jonah 2:1-9

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer _____

Examine –

1. What did Jonah finally do?
2. Did God hear him?
3. Why did he cry to God?
4. According to verse 5, does it appear that the fish immediately swallowed Jonah or did he spend some time in the ocean?
5. Where was Jonah looking?
6. What do you think it means to be cast out of sight? (God can see anywhere so its not that)
7. What closed on him?
8. What was wrapped around him?
9. How far in the sea did he go? (This may help you with #5)
10. From what was his life brought up?
11. When did he remember God?
12. What do those who observe lying do?
13. What kind of sacrifice was he offering to God?
14. What will he pay?
15. From where is salvation?

Apply-

Jonah goes to the right person for help. Where do you go for help when you are in trouble?

How far did Jonah have to go before he looked up?

How far do you have to go?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Jonah 1:16

Read – Jonah 2:10-3:4

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer _____

Examine –

1. To whom did God speak?
2. What did the fish do with Jonah?
3. Where did he put him?
4. What came to Jonah?
THOUGHT: I bet he was more willing to listen!!!
5. What time was this?
6. Was the command any different?
7. Did Jonah obey?
8. How big was Nineveh?
9. What do you think this meant?
10. How far was Jonah in the city?
11. How many words was his recorded message?
12. What did the message say?

Apply-

Would you have been more willing to listen to God?

Would you have done exactly what God said?

Why was his message so short?

What, in your opinion, would have been the hardest part about preaching?

What do you think Jonah looked like?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Jonah 1:16

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Jonah 3:5-10

Examine –

1. What does it say the people of Nineveh did?
2. What two outward things did they do to show they meant business?
3. What groups of people did it affect?
4. What did the King do when he found out? (4 things)

5. What did he proclaim?
6. To whom did he want them to cry?
7. How did he want them to cry?
8. From what were they to turn?

9. What was the king thinking God might do?
10. What did God see?
11. How did God respond?

Apply-

If you had heard this preaching, what would your response have been?

How would you have responded to the people of Nineveh if you were God?

Do you thank the LORD that he is merciful!?!?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Jonah 1:16

Read – Jonah 4:1-6

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer _____

Examine –

1. How did Jonah respond to the people's repentance?
2. What did Jonah do?
3. What was his complaint?
4. Why did Jonah say he went to Tarshish?
5. Of what did Jonah "accuse" God? (5 characteristics)

6. What did Jonah want God to do?
7. Where was Jonah's concentration?
8. What kind of question does God ask Jonah?
9. What was the question?
10. Where did Jonah go?
11. What did he make?
12. For what was he waiting?
13. What did God prepare for him?
14. What did it do for him?
15. What did Jonah think of the gourd?

Apply-

Jonah accuses God of the very thing that he needed earlier. I'm convinced that Jonah would have rather been dead than see this city repent and receive mercy.

Are you this hardened to the people around you?

How about the ones you don't like or that have hurt you?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Jonah 1:16

Read – Jonah 4:7-11

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer _____

Examine –

1. What did God next prepare for Jonah?
2. What did it do?
3. What happened to the gourd?
4. What was sent next on Jonah?
5. What did Jonah do?
6. What does he wish again?
7. What does he conclude at the end of verse 8?
8. What does God ask him?
9. How did Jonah respond to God?
10. How angry did he say he had a right to be?
11. How quick did the gourd come up?
12. How quick did the gourd die?
13. How many children did Nineveh have?
14. How many cattle did they have?
15. What was God's point He was trying to make to Jonah?

Apply-

Do you have compassion for things that really don't matter like the environment, animals, or possessions, yet lack it for people that are dying in sin?

Do you really have compassion?

How have you demonstrated this in the last week?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____
