

Jonah- The Depths Of Grace

Part 3- Broken By Grace

Jonah 2:1-7- “THEN Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying, 'I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, & he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, & you heard my voice. For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, & the flood surrounded me; all your waves & your billows passed over me. Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.' The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God. When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, & my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.”

1. Where Did Jonah Go? Far From Where He Started

Here is yet another lesson that we learn about sin from Jonah...

1st lesson- all sin is running from God

2nd lesson- sin works like a bomb, not a bullet

3rd lesson- sin never stops costing us & leading us

Proverbs 5:3-5- “For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, & her speech is smoother than oil, but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps follow the path to Sheol”

2. How Did Jonah Get There? Slowly Sinking Down

VS. 3a- “Jonah went down to Joppa...”

VS. 3b- “Jonah went down onto the ship”

VS. 5b- “But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of ship”

VS. 5b- “Had lain down & was fast asleep”

2:6- Jonah first realizes that he’s gone down- but it’s too late

3. When Did Jonah Realize This? Only At The Very End

4. How To Never End Up Like Jonah:

A. Always Be Quick To Hear & Obey:

James 1:22-25- “But be doers of the word, & not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word & not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself & goes away & at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, & perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”

5. If You Find Yourself At The End...Cry Out To God Like Jonah

Jonah Remembers God & Looks To His Holy Temple

VS. 1- “THEN Jonah prayed to the Lord his God...”

And what did Jonah say...did he start off w/ all the excuses?? NO!

VS. 4- Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.'

VS. 7- When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, & my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.”

6. God Responds To Jonah W/ Grace

1 John 5:14- “And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.”

God heard Jonah’s Prayer

God Forgave Jonah’s Sin

God Delivered Jonah Miraculously

Jesus Is Better Than The Temple & The Fish

Matt 12:6- “I tell you, something greater than the temple is here”

Jesus Was Mocked...

Matthew 27:27-31- “Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, & they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him & put a scarlet robe on him, & twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head & put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spit on him & took the reed & struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe & put his own clothes on him & led him away to crucify him.”

Jesus Was Rejected

Matthew 27:45-46- “Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out w/ a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Jesus Was Slain...

Matthew 27:50- “And Jesus cried out again w/ a loud voice & yielded up his spirit.”

Jesus Was Destroyed...

Matthew 27:51-54- “And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, & the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, & coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city & appeared to many. When the centurion & those who were w/ him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake & what took place, they were filled w/ awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!”

Jehovah Knoweth None

I hear the accuser roar, Of ills that I have done;
I know them well, & thousands more; Jehovah findeth none.

Sin, Satan, Death, press near, To harass & to appall;
Let but my risen Lord appear, Backward they go & fall.

Before, behind, around, They set their fierce array,
To fight & force me from my ground Along Immanuel's way.

I meet them face to face, Through Jesus' conquest blest;
March in the triumph of His grace, Right onward to my rest.

There, in His book I bear a more than cong'ror's name,
A soldier, son, & fellow-heir, Who fought & overcame.

His be the Victor's name Who fought our fight alone;
Triumphant saints no honor claim, Their conquest was His own.

By weakness & defeat He won the meed & crown
Trod all our foes beneath His feet, By being trodden down.

He hell in hell laid low; Made sin, he sin o'erthrew;
Bowed to the grave, destroyed it so, And death, by dying, slew.

Bless, bless the Cong'ror slain! Slain in His victory!

Who lived, who died, who lives again,

For thee, His Church, for Thee!