

The Book of Jonah

Theme: How God effectively worked in Jonah's life, disciplining him to obey God's commission to preach to the despised Assyrians and then teaching him about God's compassion for the lost.

Purpose: That all God's people might have compassion on the lost and thus sense their obligation to bear witness to them.

Jonah's Unfaithfulness: Runs from Nineveh

1-3 Jonah's disobedience to go to Nineveh

4-6 Gentile captain preaches to Jonah in light of God's calamity

7-16 Sailors humbly respond and call on God

7-9 Sailors cast lots to determine Jonah's guilt

10-13 Sailors vainly attempt to row to shore

14-16 Sailors cast Jonah overboard and call on God

Jonah's Lesson in the Fish

1:17 LORD's appointment of a "great fish" to swallow Jonah †

1-9 Jonah's Prayer for life

- Introduction (1)
- Summary Report (2)
- Reflection on Time of Need (3-6)
- Report of Deliverance (7)
- Vow of Praise (8-9)

10 LORD's command for the fish to vomit up Jonah

Jonah's Faithfulness: Preaches at Nineveh

1-3 Jonah's obedience to go to Nineveh

4 Jonah preaches to the Gentiles about God's calamity

5-9 Nineveh repents and calls on God

- People's Response (5)
- King's Response (6-9)
 - *King's repentance* (6)
 - *King's proclamation* (7-9)

10 God relents of the calamity

Jonah's Lesson With the Plant

1-3 Jonah's anger and prayer for death

4-11 God's Lesson for Jonah

- God's 1st question (4)
- God's appointment of a plant and worm (5-8)
- God's 2nd question (9)
- God's compassion declared (10-11)

Chapter 1

Chapter 2

Chapter 3

Chapter 4

Jonah's Disobedience in Contrast to Gentile Humility

Jonah's Prayer Answered Thanks to God's Compassion

Jonah's Obedience Followed by Gentile Humility

Jonah's Prayer Denied and God's Compassion Explained

† *Prayer cast in the form of a Declarative Praise Psalm*