

The End of Rebellion - The Road to Recovery

...I will fulfill what I have vowed. Salvation is from the LORD! Jonah 2:9 (HCSB)

Text: Jonah 2

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Supplemental Texts: See below

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To recover from rebellion,

1) _____ out to God (vs. 1-3)

- a. God will hear and answer. (2)
- b. James 4:7–10 (HCSB) Therefore, submit to God. But resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, double-minded people! ⁹ Be miserable and mourn and weep. Your laughter must change to mourning and your joy to sorrow. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.
- c. Psalm 34:4 (HCSB) I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

2) _____ to His temple (or presence) (vs. 4-7)

- a. In Jonah 1:3, Jonah tried to flee from the Lord's presence. Now, he is committing to seeking the presence of God.
- b. We must commit to corporate worship (coming to church regularly) and personal, private worship.
- c. Hebrews 10:24–25 (HCSB) And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works, ²⁵ not staying away from our worship meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

3) _____ your life to the Lord (vs. 8-9)

- a. vs. 8 - Those who worship idols will discover in times of trouble how useless they really are. Those who worship the Lord, however, will always find him trustworthy and reliable.
 - i. An idol is anything that you love and focus on more than God.
- b. We must forsake our idols and commit our lives to the only source of Salvation.

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message.

- 1) Once inside the fish, how did Jonah respond to God's rescue? (2:1-9)
- 2) What was Jonah's attitude toward God? (2:7-9)
- 3) How did God finally deliver Jonah? (2:10)
- 4) When have bad circumstances turned out for your good?
- 5) How do you feel when you know that you are being obedient to the Lord's call?
- 6) How do you want to thank the Lord right now for all the remarkable ways He has delivered you?

Where is Jesus in Jonah 2?

Jesus is in every chapter of the Old Testament in some way. Here are some examples of how to see Jesus in this Chapter:

- 1) **2:2** Jonah was saved when he called out to the Lord. In the same way, through Jesus, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:13)."
- 2) **2:6** Jonah's rescue from death prefigures the resurrection of Christ from the dead (Matt. 12:40).
- 3) **2:8** Jesus is the "Pearl of Great Price" that is worth forsaking all idols. (Matthew 13:44-45)
- 4) **2:8** God's steadfast love is available to us only through a relationship with Jesus Christ. (John 3:16, 1 John 4)
- 5) **2:9** "Salvation belongs to the Lord." Jesus is the only means of Salvation (Acts 4:12; John 14:6) and the very meaning of the name Jesus is "Our God Saves."