



Rehoboth Reformed Church

Thoroughly Equipped Radio Program Outline

July 14, 2013

Title: How Biblically Informed Are Your Prayers? (Jonah 2:1-10)

Main Point. The prophet Jonah had been delivered from his rebellion and death through the Lord's gracious provision of a great fish. When he comes to his senses, he finally obeys the captain of the ship and prays to God. This prayer is an excellent example of what our prayers should contain, namely the Word of God. It is a prayer of faith based upon God's written promises. How biblically informed are your prayers?

I. Jonah got what he wanted - separation from God (the wages of sin is death)

II. Jonah's response to his situation - a prayer of thanksgiving (of faith)

III. Jonah looks by faith to the redemption/deliverance ultimately found in Jesus Christ

IV. The Lord, in His great mercy, delivers Jonah to dry land

Conclusion: Jonah experienced what he knew to be true, that salvation is of the Lord. He knew this from the Holy Scriptures that he had read and memorized. Because they were hidden in his heart and mind, they were available when he turned to God in repentance and faith. Are you as well equipped?

Preparations for next Sunday's program: We will continue to study one of the most fascinating books of the Bible that record God's dealing with a rebellious prophet and how He showed His mercy to many who didn't deserve it. Please read Jonah chapter 2 and consider what is the main theme of the prayer of Jonah and ultimately of the whole book.

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