



Rehoboth Reformed Church

Thoroughly Equipped Radio Program Outline

June 30, 2013

Title: On Whose Account Is This Trouble? (Jonah 1:5-10)

Main Point. We live at a time where the reigning world and life view of most people is materialistic determinism. In other words, the universe is a closed system with no external forces involved. This is contrary to the reality that we live in a universe governed and controlled by an external person, namely God. This latter biblical world and life view was held by the occupants of the ship recorded in our text. Thus the question that was on the forefront of everyone's mind was why were they suffering due to this "act of God". Which world and live guides your evaluation of the event in your life?

I. Trouble due to Divine intervention and judgment upon sin and rebellion (v. 4).

II. The sailors vain attempt at overcoming their predicament (v. 5-8).

III. The rebellious, reluctant prophet of God makes a half hearted confession of faith (v. 9).

IV. The proper response of the sailors - great fear of Divine judgment (v. 10).

Conclusion: We see in Jonah action a great contradiction with what he professes to believe and what he actually does when God involves him in His mercy and grace to wicked sinners. God does not let Jonah get away with his rebellion, but confronts and corrects his error and in the mean time others are personally involved with the Creator and Sovereign king of everything.

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 1 and consider the consequences of Jonah's rebellion in the lives of others and how God overturns his plans and shows mercy to others in the process.

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