



Rehoboth Reformed Church

Thoroughly Equipped Radio Program Outline

July 21, 2013

Title: Salvation is of the Lord (Jonah 2:8-9)

Main Point. The prophet Jonah had been delivered from idolatry, rebellion and ultimately death through the Lord's gracious provision of a great fish. When he comes to his senses, he finally prays to God. Among many truths, His prayer contains the main theme of not only the book of Jonah but of the whole Bible as well. Jonah learned and declared that "*Salvation is of the Lord.*"

Bible Study Methods: It is very important to determine the main theme and purpose of the author while studying the Word of God. Just as important is keeping it in mind and reflecting upon it you work through the book or passage. Sometimes the author will provide it (i.e. John 20:30-31; 1 John 5:13), sometimes you have to read the whole book to discover it. The effort is well worth it.

I. Jonah's Sin - idolatry revealed through rebellion against God's will

II. Jonah's Salvation - the Lord saves from sin and its consequences through Jesus Christ

III. Jonah's Response to the Lord's salvation - confession, true repentance, and faith

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 but now it was evident to him in a very personal way. How about you? Do you know the salvation that is from the Lord?

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 3 and consider how merciful and gracious the Lord was to Jonah in giving him a second chance and what Jonah did with it .

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