

“The Long Arm of God’s Mercy”

Taking a Stand  **for Truth** *pt. 5 • Jonah*

INTRODUCTION

“Heaven goes by favor. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in.”
– *Mark Twain*

- key definitions...

1. Jonah...a series of conversations

- a. God converses with Jonah
Jon. 1:1-2, 3
- b. Jonah converses with sailors
Jon. 1:15-17
- c. Jonah converses with God
Jon. 2:10
- d. God converses with Jonah
Jon. 3:1-2
- e. Jonah converses with Nineveh
Jon. 3:3-4
- f. Nineveh converses with God
Jon. 3:5-10
- g. God converses with Jonah
Jon. 4:4, 8-11

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2. Jonah...as viewed by a skeptic

- the problem of “the fish” — ch. 1
- the problem of “the prayer” — ch. 2
- the problem of “the revival” — ch. 3

3. Jonah...is it about Jonah?

“Men have been looking so hard at the great fish that they have failed to see the great God.”
– *G. Campbell Morgan*

- God does not delight in exacting justice
Ezk. 33:11
- God is never unjust in order to demonstrate mercy
- God’s mercy includes “relenting” from impending judgment
Jer. 18:7-8
- God pours out mercy that He might find mercy
Mic. 6:8