

“AND AS FOR ME,...”

Part 4: Running from God

JONAH 1:1-17

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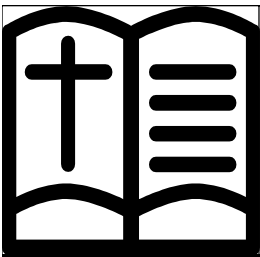
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- E. Knowing enough to be greater than God

III. WHAT IS IT TO RUN FROM GOD AND HIS WILL?

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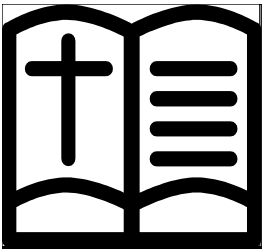
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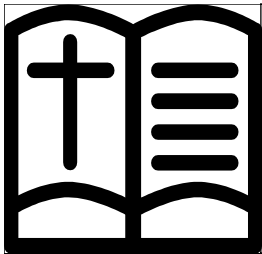
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