

# Wednesday In the Word

(794-753 B.C.).

Bible Study

Jonah 1:17, 2:1-9

Series:

# 06

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## JONAH:

### Lessons on Obedience

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Jonah's three days and nights in the fish



**Jonah 1:17** a lifeboat fish



### I. The Place of Prayer

**Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.**

**At the Lord's command a large fish swallowed Jonah, and he was inside the fish for three days and three nights.**

**(TEV)** B. The Place was Peculiar (**17b**)

**KJV** A. The Place was Prepared (**17a**)

Jonah



**Prayer is an  
essential part of our  
Christian life**

Martin Luther



**“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”**

AZ QUOTES



## Jonah 2:1

### The Prayer of Jonah



**Then Jonah prayed  
unto the Lord his  
God out of the fish's  
belly, KJV**

**From deep inside the  
fish Jonah prayed to  
the Lord his God:  
(TEV)**

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## Jonah 2:2

The Prayer of Jonah



And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice. **KJV**

"In my distress, O Lord, I called to you, and you answered me. From deep in the world of the dead I cried for help, and you heard me. **(TEV)**

Jonah  *Heads on Cheating*

# The Prayer of Jonah

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## 1. Affliction Driven Principles. V.2

- A motivated Rebel. V.2
- A miserable Reward. V.3-6

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## Jonah 2:3

The Prayer of Jonah



**For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me. KJV**

**You threw me down into the depths, to the very bottom of the sea, where the waters were all around me, and all your mighty waves rolled over me. (TEV)**

Jonah

Seasons of Obedience







## Jonah 2:4



### The Prayer of Jonah

**Then I said, I am cast  
out of thy sight; yet I  
will look again  
toward thy holy  
temple. **KJV****

**I thought I had been  
banished from your  
presence and would  
never see your holy  
Temple again **(TEV)****

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## Jonah 2:5



*His Prayer of Jonah*

**The waters  
compassed me about,  
even to the soul: the  
depth closed me  
round about, the  
weeds were wrapped  
about my head. **KJV****

**The water came over  
me and choked me; the  
sea covered me  
completely, and  
seaweed wrapped  
around my head. **(TEV)****

Jonah

*Season of Obedience*





## Jonah 2:6



The Prayer of Jonah

I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O Lord my God. **KJV**

I went down to the very roots of the mountains, into the land whose gates lock shut forever. **1** But you, O Lord my God, brought me back from the depths alive. **(TEV)**

Jonah





## Jonah 2:7



### The Prayer of Jonah

**When my soul fainted  
within me I  
remembered the Lord:  
and my prayer came  
in unto thee, into thine  
holy temple. **KJV****

**When I felt my life  
slipping away, then, O  
Lord, I prayed to you,  
and in your holy Temple  
you heard me. **(TEV)****

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# The Prayer of Jonah

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## 2. Adversity-Driven Prayers. V.7

- Cries from a Foxhole. V.7
- Concern from a Father. V.7

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## Jonah 2:8

### The Prayer of Jonah



**They that observe  
lying vanities forsake  
their own mercy. KJV**

**Those who worship  
worthless idols have  
abandoned their  
loyalty to you. (TEV)**

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## Jonah 2:9

*The Prayer of Jonah*



**But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord. **KJV****

**But I will sing praises to you; I will offer you a sacrifice and do what I have promised. Salvation comes from the Lord!" **(TEV)****

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# The Prayer of Jonah

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## 3. Avoidance-Driven Promises. V.9

- A Careful Voice. V.9a
- A Continued Vow. V.9b
- A Certain Victory. V.9c

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# What we have learned...

- We need to pour out our hearts to God.

When you come to the place that you know God has your attention and you know that you must return, what might you say to Him? Notice four responses that Jonah made concerning God's correction and drawing.

A. I recognize Your hand at work here- 2:3, 4.

He said, "You threw me into the depths" and "I have been banished from Your sight." Notice the words "You" and "Your." Jonah makes the connection between his disobedience and God's correction. Furthermore, he holds God blameless and himself guilty.

B. I turn my eyes back to You- 2:4.

Jonah added, "yet I will look once more toward Your holy temple." Here is a good definition of backsliding: Taking your eyes off God. Likewise, a good definition of repentance is turning your eyes back to God.

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C. I thank You for Your compassion – 2:6.

“But You raised my life from the Pit, Lord my God,” he confessed. In case you missed it, Jonah offers his thanks in faith for he had not experienced deliverance yet. He believes that God has left him alive for a purpose.

D. I renew my commitment to You – 2:9.

He promised, “I will fulfill my vows.” Repentance without obedience results in failure

One purpose of the book of Jonah is to show us the importance of prayer.

Prayer is something that we shouldn't simply do when we are in trouble.

***Prayer should be as normal as breathing is for us.***

It should be part of our lives – no matter what situation we are in.

Jonah



## Conclusions

A man in a certain church was known to rededicate his life on a regular basis.

And he always prayed the same prayer,

**“Lord, remove the cobwebs from my life.”**

Upon hearing the prayer yet another time, his Pastor whispered this prayer to the man,

**“And Lord kill the spiders!”**

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