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Jonah 3

In what ways in Jonah's message and his listener's responses similar and different to those of other prophets (such as Jeremiah).

Fri

Jonah 4

How does this story's irony help to make the point of the book? What does God teach Jonah about grace? How is this also a message for today?

Sat

Matthew 12:38-42, Luke 11:29-32

How is Jesus using the story of Jonah to make his point? How is this point similar and different to the point of the original author?

Prayers/Notes

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Summer in the Scriptures

Week of: 6/7

Pray

Center your mind and heart into the moment.

Read

Look with curiosity and openness to hear from God

Observe

What you notice and what the Spirit points out

Discover

Look at footnotes, commentaries, or the tools in this handout.

Pray

Gracious God, Your love for me is not contingent on my own perfection, but on your perfect love. There is no distance I can travel, no barrier I can erect that would block me from your presence. Help me to love those that you love, listen to your voice louder than my disordered heart; and then follow your directions in spite of my own reservations. Amen

Read/Observe

Mon

2 Kings 14:23-25

This is the only other Old Testament reference to Jonah. What kind of introduction does it give?

Tue

Jonah 1

This is the familiar story many have heard since childhood. What do you see in this text with adult eyes that might have been missed as a child?

Wed

Jonah 2

What is the content of Jonah's prayer? Which category would it fit in? Petition, lament, praise, intercession, other?

Discover

John Wesley's Notes on the Old Testament Jonah

In 2 Kings 14:25, we find, that he was of Gath-hepher in Galilee, a city that belongs to the tribe of Zebulun. We find also, that he was a messenger of mercy to Israel in the reign of Jeroboam the second. We have here a remarkable instance of God's mercy, toward repenting sinners. And in Jonah we have a most remarkable type, of our Lord's burial and resurrection.

Chapter 1 [2] That great city - It is said to have been one hundred and fifty furlongs in length, that is eighteen miles and three quarters, and eleven miles and one quarter in breadth. [3] From the presence - From the place where God usually had shewed himself present, by revealing his word and will to his prophets. Perhaps he might think God would not put him upon this work, when he was got into a strange country. [7] Cast lots - "Lots are an appeal to heaven in doubtful cases, and therefore not to be used but where the matter is undeterminable in any other way." [16] Feared the Lord - Perhaps as Jonah's casting over - board was a type of Christ's death, so the effect it had upon the mariners might be a type of the conversion of the Heathen from idols unto God. Made vows - Probably they vowed, they would ever worship him whom Jonah preached, the Creator of heaven and earth. [17] A great fish - The Hebrew word is, numbered, has appointed him for Jonah's receiver and deliverer. God has the command of all his creatures, and can make any of them serve his designs of mercy to his people.

Chapter 2 Jonah's prayer and deliverance. [2] Heardest my voice - Of which undoubtedly God gave him an assurance in his own soul.

Chapter III [3] Exceeding great - The greatest city of the known world at that day, it was then in its flourishing state greater than Babylon, whose compass was three hundred eighty - five furlongs, but Nineveh was in compass, four hundred and eighty. It is said, her walls were an hundred foot in height, her walls broad enough for three coaches to meet, and safely pass by each other; that it had fifteen hundred towers on its walls, each two hundred foot high, and one million, four hundred thousand men employed for eight years to build it. Of three days journey - To walk round the walls, allowing twenty miles to each day's journey.

Chapter IV [8] A east wind - A dry, scorching, blasting wind. Fainted - Overcome by the heat. Better to die - But Jonah must be wiser, and humbler, and more merciful too, e'er he die. Before God hath done with him, he will teach him to value his own life more, and to be more tender of the life of others. [9] I do well to be angry - If in the violence of this passion I should die (as some have) yet were I not to blame. What a speech! Verily the law made nothing perfect! [11] I - The God of infinite compassions and goodness. That great city - Wouldest thou have me less merciful to such a goodly city, than thou art to a weed Who cannot discern - Here are more than six - score innocents who are infants. Much cattle - Beside men, women and children who are in Nineveh, there are many other of my creatures that are not sinful, and my tender mercies are and shall be over all my works. If thou wouldest be their butcher, yet I will be their God. Go Jonah, rest thyself content and be thankful: that goodness, which spared Nineveh, hath spared thee in this thy inexcusable frowardness. I will be to repenting Nineveh what I am to thee, a God gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and I will turn from the evil which thou and they deserve.

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