

# **Jonah 2**

## **Jonah 2.1-4**

**V1** – **Jonah's next act?** Prayer!

- We can pray anywhere and anytime
- God will hear us (not just at the church building)

**V2**– This prayer is in poetry form – very interesting (maybe written later in poetry form or possibly made into a hymn of praise - maybe parts of a song with new verses)

- Characteristics of God, according to v 2?**– Wherever we are, God will hear us
- We can call on God in our times of distress

**V3** – Jonah was under water at this time, in the heart of the sea

**V4**– **What change had taken place in Jonah?** Instead of running from God, he is now ready to obey God (to look toward God's temple – someday, not now)

## **Jonah 2.5-10**

**V5** – **His situation in the great fish?** Lots of water and seaweed – a pitiful condition

**V6** – He has been taken to the lowest point of his life: despair, but God has rescued him

**V7**– He has repented and has seen the error of his way

- Maybe he lost consciousness (v 7)

**V8**– **Characteristic of pagan people?** Not faithful to their idols

**V9**– **But what about Jonah?** He would be faithful from now on

- His attitude?** Thanksgiving (he will pay his vows)

**V10**– **God's reaction to this prayer?** He had Jonah vomited up on dry land

### **Lessons from *Jonah 2*:**

1. Even a prophet of God can fall away from the faith (example: Balaam/the older prophet in *1 Kings 13*)
2. If we fall away, we can still repent, and God will take us back
3. **Similarities with Christ?** Three days in earth/came forth

So the book is about Jonah and Nineveh, but there is a much deeper message: the Holy Spirit was continuing to prepare the world for the coming of the Christ.

- Christ is in every Old Testament book in one way or another

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