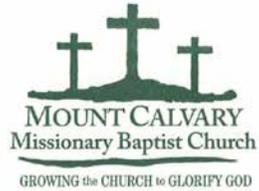


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12:00 – 1:00pm

Jonah's prayer; the Lord

The book of Jonah challenges God's people not to exalt themselves over others. The Lord, the great King, is free to bless, to be gracious, and to be patient with all the nations of the earth. More than that, He may show compassion even on the wicked. Indeed, His mercy extends even to animals (4:11). Jonah's view of God was too restrictive. He believed that God was the Creator of everything, but that He was compassionate only toward the elect of Israel. Jonah believed that since God had chosen Israel from the wicked nations, He had to show mercy to Israel, even if the people were rebellious. Jonah had failed to appreciate that the Lord may be equally forbearing with other nations as He was with Israel.

Jonah prayed for delivery part 2

Jonah 2:6-10

- I. Jonah pictures himself so \_\_\_\_\_ in the sea \_\_\_\_\_ it is as if he had \_\_\_\_\_ protections of the mountain (Ver.6).
- II. Jonah reaffirms his \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord and renews his commitment \_\_\_\_\_ Him (Ver. 7; see Ps. 22:27).
- III. Mercy (loyal love) the term that so \_\_\_\_\_ describes God's faithfulness \_\_\_\_\_ His covenant and to His people (Ver. 8; see Ps. 13:5).
- IV. Jonah declares that he \_\_\_\_\_ keep his promise, a pledge \_\_\_\_\_ to sacrifice \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge God's help. God acts on \_\_\_\_\_ of His creation and the redeemed to insure a relationship with them. (Ver. 9; see Ex. 15: 2, 17, 18; Ps. 88: 1-4).
- V. The focus in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jonah is on the Lord's sovereign control \_\_\_\_\_ creation to bring about His purpose (Ver. 10)

**Conclusion:** When we disobey God, we cause hardship on ourselves and others. Jonah did not see God grace and mercy, until he was in deep trouble, in the belly of the fish all by himself, and no one to call on, but God. God want us to trust Him, and put Him first in all that we say or do. God will not bless His disobedience children, because He want the best for us. So, let us obey God's commandments and receive all that God have in store for us.

Next week lesson: We will discuss Jonah chapter 2, and the rest of the book of Jonah.