



Week 13

Sermon Series: Surrendered: Hosea, Titus, Philemon, Jonah

Sermon Title: Salvation from the Lord for Everyone

Sermon Text: Jonah 2

Study Handout Week of: November 18, 2018

Group Week of: November 25, 2018

Sermon Date: December 2, 2018

BEFORE WE BEGIN: What was your takeaway from this past Sunday's sermon?

DOCTRINE: The Scripture: We believe the sixty-six books of the Holy Bible are verbally inspired and the product of Spirit-controlled men. This Holy Bible is inerrant as originally written, and the complete revelation of God's perfect will, the ultimate truth for salvation, the only infallible guide of faith and practice, and the final authority in all matters to which it speaks. *2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21* (Articles of Faith)

ATTRIBUTE OF GOD/JESUS: MERCIFUL: "Although *justice* demands that 'the wages of sin is death,' God's *mercy* paves the way for 'the gift of God [which] is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23). God is *merciful*. Out of his love and goodness, God's mercy [with]holds rightful judgment against sin and evil to allow the salvation of those who come to him in faith: 'But in your great mercy you did not put an end to them or abandon them, for you are a gracious and merciful God' (Neh. 9:31) (Deut. 4:31; Dan. 9:9; Rom. 9:14-18). *Attributes of God*; Rose Publishing.

DAY 1 Read Jonah 1:17-2:3; 1 Samuel 2:6; Psalm 6:5; Isaiah 43:2,16; Lamentations 3:25-33

1. To ancient Israel, the waters of the deep represented chaos and was to be feared if the presence of God was absent. With this in mind, describe Jonah's fear, trying to imagine yourself in his predicament.
2. The original word in Jonah 2:2 is "Sheol." (ESV translation) What is the word in other translations? From the cross references in 1 Samuel and Psalm 6, what do you think he means in this context? For what is Jonah praising God?
3. Explain God's use of the great fish and of the sea in depicting salvation.
4. Was there ever a time when you found yourself in a life-threatening, dangerous or fearful situation where you felt you had no place to turn? What did you do?

DAY 2 Read Jonah 2: 3-6; Philippians 2:13; Romans 8:28,29

1. Dr. Derek Thomas, pastor and professor of theology, says, "Providence suggests God's care of the world, both his supervision of all events and circumstances *and* his provision for all of our needs. It is more than God's ability to 'see' into the future; it is his *active* and *determined* care to ensure that what he has promised for us actually does come to pass." With this in mind, and with Philippians and Romans, where in these verses in Jonah 2 do you see the providence of God? Give several phrases.

2. Do you believe God “sent” these circumstances into Jonah’s life, or, did he “allow” them? Explain your thinking.
3. Can you share a time when God providentially worked in your life to accomplish his purpose?

DAY 3 Read Jonah 2:5-7; Psalm 69; Isaiah 43:2,16

1. In verses 5 and 6a, explain in your own words Jonah’s fears.
2. At what point in his prayer did Jonah surrender to God? How did he state it?
3. Where had God been throughout Jonah’s ordeal? Relate your answer to the verses in Isaiah.
4. Using the “Attribute” above, how do you see God’s mercy toward Jonah?
5. How and why does God in his great mercy rescue you and me?

DAY 4 Read Jonah 2:8-10

1. John Calvin writes, “To save is the prerogative of God alone.” In verse 9 how does Jonah extol God, thus declaring his loyalty to God?
2. Explain how God’s sovereign command paved the way to his mercy in verse 10.
3. Would you describe Jonah’s prayer as a prayer for deliverance or a prayer of thanksgiving? Explain.
4. God could easily have let Jonah die, but what did he choose to do? Had you been in God’s place would you have done the same?

DAY 5 Read Jonah 2:1-10; Hebrews 4:16; 1 Peter 5:10; Hebrews 12:4-13

1. Is it wise to delay in obedience? How might a Christian use fear or other sinful thinking as an excuse to remain in disobedience?
2. In his mercy, the Lord may discipline his people to keep them from falling further away. But he also preserves and moves his people to repentance. Are you experiencing God’s correction today? Will you “remember the Lord” (v.7) and turn to him in thanksgiving that he might restore you?