

Jonah
and the God of Mercy

Chapter 1: Jonah Runs from God

- Jonah didn't want to preach to Nineveh because they were cruel and evil...so He ran - 1:1-3
- Jonah, God, and sin's consequences - 1:4-17
 - Jonah's journey was quickly in peril due to his sin - 1:4-6; Psa. 107:25
 - The crew knew this wasn't coincidental—it was Jonah! - 1:7, 9-10; Psa. 95:5
 - The answer: Sacrifice Jonah - 1:11-16; Psa. 89:9; Mt. 8:27
 - God prepared a fish that swallowed Jonah - 1:17; Psa. 19:1

Chapter 2: Jonah's Salvation

- Jonah faced “death” because of his sin - 2:1-3
- Through God's chastening, Jonah turned and looked to God and reverently sought His salvation - 2:6-9
- Our amazing God heard him, saved him, and gave him a chance to save others! - 2:10; 3:1-3

Chapter 3: Nineveh's Salvation

- Nineveh, brought low by its sin, was facing death in 40 days! - 3:4
 - God knew they were flat on their backs!
 - By grace God's message of judgment was preached.
- Our amazing God saved Nineveh!
 - They listened to God and repented - 3:5-9
 - God SAVED them - 3:10; Jer. 18:7-10
- Like Jonah, in their distress they repented, called upon God's **infinite mercy**, and were **given new life!**

Chapter 4: Jonah's Lesson

- Jonah was angry at God's for His mercy shown to Nineveh - 4:1-3
- God showed mercy by teaching Jonah (again) of His mercy - 4:4-11
 - Jonah hopes for Nineveh's destruction, but is angered by the destruction of a gourd plant! - 4:4-10
 - God pities all sinners and desires their salvation - 4:11
- Do you see what this is about Jesus? - Matt. 12:39-41
- If God will save Nineveh, there is real, rock-solid hope for you and me in Jesus! - Rom. 8:1