



Then
**Jonah
Prayed**

Getting God's heart for souls

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Does Jonah Die?

- His position
 - The fishes belly v1
 - The belly of hell v2



Jonah 2:1-2 Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly, 2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, [and] thou heardest my voice.

Bible Study Rule: If God's word is true, and perfectly preserved, then "contradictions" should be viewed as apparent contradictions.

Heart attitude: God's word is right, I need to let it teach me. If it appears to be wrong, it must be because I am wrong, not God.



Can man be in 2 places at once?

- If saved and alive...
 - Physical body is here
 - Also seated in heavenly places
- If saved and dead...
 - Physical body in the grave, will rise first
 - Soul in the presence of Christ
- If lost and dead
 - Body in the ground
 - Soul in hell
 - Spirit with God



Ephesians 2:6 And hath raised [us] up together, and made [us] sit together in heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus:

2 Cor 5:6,8 Therefore [we are] always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: ... 8. We are confident, [I say], and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

1 Thes 4:16-17 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Key Thought

You won't view souls right if you don't view man from God's perspective.



What does “hell” mean?

- Hebrew word is sheol, used 65x
- Sheol = the grave, the place of the dead, underworld, hell, pit
- Translated as...
 - “Grave”
 - “Pit”
 - “Hell”



Keep a right perspective

- Is it from God toward man? Man to God?
- Is it literal or figurative?

Bible Study Rule: Start with a literal interpretation until the text makes it clear it is not.

Heart attitude: I can't take the easy way out, I must be willing to study.

Key Thought

God's word is more amazing than anything you can imagine, let it amaze you.



God's word will bring you to the end of yourself

- Jonah 2:7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

Bible Study Rule: What does Jesus say? Do not violate clear verses to make room for unclear ones.

Heart attitude: Jesus gets the final word in my life.



Mat 12:39-42 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: 40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.



Psalms 49:14-15 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling. 15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.

Hos 13:14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

Jonah 2:9-10 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay [that] that I have vowed. Salvation [is] of the LORD. 10 And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry [land].

The background of the slide is a dramatic, dark scene of ancient ruins. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, with a bright light source breaking through on the left side, creating a silhouette effect. The ruins consist of several tall, fluted columns and a large, multi-tiered stone structure, possibly a temple or a palace. The overall atmosphere is somber and powerful, suggesting a moment of crisis or a divine intervention.

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