### The LORD had Prepared

Jonah 1:17

### Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.



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Jonah 4:6 And the LORD God <u>prepared a gourd</u>, and made [it] to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.

Jonah 4:7 But God <u>prepared a worm</u> when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.

Jonah 4:8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God <u>prepared a vehement east wind</u>; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, [It is] better for me to die than to live.

## If God had not prepared for us, we would be without hope.

#### Key Thought

# The mature believer is getting prepared now for a future work

Psalms 9:7 But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

Zep 1:7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD [is] at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.

John 14:2-3 In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also.

Luke 1:17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Exodus 15:2 The LORD [is] my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he [is] my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

#### Key Thought

## We need to become more accustomed to crying out!

#### We don't cry out because we see the whale's belly that we are in as a curse.



Isaiah 38:10-14 I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years. 11 I said, I shall not see the LORD, [even] the LORD, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world. 12 Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life: he will cut me off with pining sickness: from day [even] to night wilt thou make an end of me. 13 I reckoned till morning, [that], as a lion, so will he break all my bones: from day [even] to night wilt thou make an end of me. 14 Like a crane [or] a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail [with looking] upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; undertake for me.

#### **Applications:**

• What do I need to prepare? To pray for? Remember the LORD • Remember and declare what is true About God and about your situation Reject lies and vanity Mercy is hindered by observing

Look for cross-references for Jonah 2:7 & 8

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