

Jonah 2

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Aim: Let Us Call on The God Who's Mercy Delivers Us from Our Sin

I. A Sinner's Prayer (1-9)

II. The Savior's Mercy (10)

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. Jonah's prayer is one of thanksgiving for God's salvation. The scriptures record a variety of purposes for prayer: adoration/praise; confession; thanksgiving; petition/intercession. If your prayers tend to fall into one category more than others, why is that and how might you expand your fellowship with God? How might God's own word in the Psalms, prayers of Jesus, Paul, Peter, etc. help reshape your prayers?

In v. 8, Jonah warns that: "Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love." What is the source of steadfast love? Why would looking to or trusting in vain idols forfeit any hope of steadfast love? Take inventory of your life, in Whom or what are you trusting (finances, relationship, independence, goals, security, etc.?)

In v. 9, Jonah said with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice will worship God and keep his vow. Is there a vow you've made to God that you've not kept? According to Ps 50:14; 76:11; Heb. 13:15-16 what should you do?

In v. 9, Jonah says: "Salvation belongs to the LORD!" He has learned the most important lesson: Only God can save sinners! This is the glory of the Christian faith (Rom. 5:6-11; cf. Mt. 12:39-40). We must share this good news! Pray for opportunities and then tell them. After all, if the fish obeyed God command (v. 10), shouldn't we who have experienced this great salvation?