



Theme of Jonah:

Jonah is consistently rebellious, and God is consistently gracious.



Jonah 1:17



[17] And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 1:17



When it comes to the miraculous, look to Jesus.





[1] Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God in the belly of the fish,



Jonah's prayer isn't a sign of true repentance, but false repentance.



[1] Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God in the belly of the fish, [2] saying, "I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me, out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.



Psalm 120:1 To the Lord, in my distress, I called.

Jonah 2:2
"I called out to the Lord..."



[2] Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God in the belly of the fish, saying, "I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me, out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.



"Jonah's prayer captured what was true in his life: Jonah came first, God last."

- Irene Sun



[3] For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. [4] Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your



holy temple.'[5] The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head [6] at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed



upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God.



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"Jonah, although he is unquestionably in dire straits because of his own disobedience, does not even recognize his sin and so utters not a word of confession"

- Daniel Timmer



[7] When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. [8] Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.



But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay!



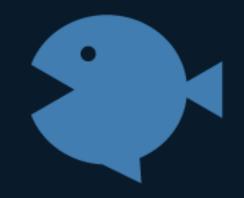
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- 1. False Repentance never acknowledges sin.
- 2. False Repentance plays the victim.



Jonah 2:2-3
I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me, out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.

Psalm 18:4-6

the torrents of destruction assailed me the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called upon the Lord;

Jonah 2:6

I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God.

Psalm 18:16-17
He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters. He rescued me from my strong enemy

Jonah 2:7 When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.

Psalm 18:6

From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.



Jonah's problem is he's not truly repentant.



"Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death."

2 Corinthians 7:10



False repentance is self centered sorrow that results in no lasting change and ultimately death.



True repentance is a Gospel centered sorrow that results in transformation and life.



True Repentance is a change in worship.





[10] And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.



