

MAN OVERBOARD! – Part 3

Jonah Series
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Review (Chapter 1)

- God told Jonah to prophesy against Nineveh
- Jonah went in the opposite direction
 - *Jonah's disobedience is typical of ours (Isa 53:6; Rom 3:23)*
- God sentenced Jonah to death – cast overboard into a raging sea
 - *The wages of sin is death (Rom 6:23)*
- God caused a great fish to swallow Jonah, sparing him from death
 - *God is both just and merciful (Eph 2:4)*

Jonah's Prayer (Chapter 2)

Preserved from death in the fish's belly, Jonah prays to God (1):

- he acknowledges that God cast him into the raging sea
 - *"You cast me into the deep..." (3)*
 - *"I have been cast out of your sight" (4)*
- he recalls that he was at "death's door"
 - *"Out of the belly of Sheol" (the place of the dead; 2)*
 - *"The earth's bars closed behind me" (6)*
 - *"My soul fainted within me" (7)*
- he recalls how He cried out to God as Saviour
 - *"I cried out to the Lord..." (2)*
 - *"I remembered the Lord; and my prayer went up to You...(7)*
- he recalls how God saved him from death
 - *"He answered [my prayer]... You heard my voice" (2)*
 - *"You have brought up my life from the pit" (6)*
- he confesses that he has been unfaithful to a God who is faithful/merciful (8)
- he has a change of mind – he now is prepared to serve the Lord
 - *"I will pay what I have vowed" (9)*
- he praises and thanks God as his personal Saviour (9)

God miraculously⁵ causes the fish to cast Jonah out on dry land (10)

