

Jonah: Lessons By Example and Abnomnition

(Part 5) (May 9, 2021) ([Jonah 1:1-4:11 KJV](#))

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From the little Book of Jonah: [Matthew 12:39 KJV](#) *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:***

- Typology: Comparison of Jonah and Jesus in the calming of the storm through the willingness to be sacrificed for the salvation of others
- Perish -- A master that we can call upon: [Jonah 1:6 KJV](#) *So the **shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.** AND [Mark 4:38 KJV](#) *And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?**
- Peace -- [Jonah 1:15 KJV](#) *So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging. AND [Mark 4:39 KJV](#) *And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.**
- Jonah the man: [Jonah 4:2-3 KJV](#) *And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, [was] not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou [art] a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil. (3) Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for [it is] better for me to die than to live. AND GOD RESPONDS [Jonah 4:11 KJV](#) *And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and [also] much cattle?**
- Typology: Death, burial and resurrection in both Jonah and Jesus
- All for examples: [1 Corinthians 10:11 KJV](#) *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.*

Lesson 1 -- We are called to be servants:

- Example: [Jonah 1:2 KJV](#) *Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. AND [Jonah 3:2 KJV](#) *Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.**
- Admonition: Great Commission at the end of each Gospel and [Acts](#) to "Go and tell"

Lesson 2 -- God does not give up on us:

- Example: [Jonah 1:3 KJV](#) *But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. AND [Jonah 4:2 KJV](#) *And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, [was] not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou [art] a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.**
- Admonition: [Jeremiah 29:11 KJV](#) *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*

Lesson 3 -- God can make lemonade:

- Example: [Jonah 1:4 KJV](#) *But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken. AND [Jonah 3:10 KJV](#) *And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did [it] not.**
- Admonition: God will never leave or forsake; He uses trials and tribulations to correct our path

Lesson 4 -- Prayer is essential in our walk:

- Example: Prayers in [Jonah 2:1-9](#) and [Jonah 4:2-3](#); Notice the answers - glorification and not
- Admonition: "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." (Martin Luther)

Lesson 5 -- Miracles of God:

- Example: [Jonah 2:10 KJV](#) *And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry [land].*
- Admonition: [Jeremiah 32:27 KJV](#) *Behold, I [am] the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?*

Lesson 6 -- God does not play favorites:

- Example: Jonah "an Hebrew" sent to Nineveh (wicked gentiles)
- Admonition: [Romans 2:11 KJV](#) *For there is no respect of persons with God; God wants "all"*

Lesson 7 -- God wants the "extra mile" but will work with the "bare minimum":

- Example: God instructs in [Jonah 1:2 KJV](#) and [Jonah 3:2 KJV](#) but Jonah does the "bare minimum" in [Jonah 3:4 KJV](#); the result is "all" of Nineveh saved
- Admonition: [Esther 4:14 KJV](#) *For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, [then] shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for [such] a time as this?*

Lesson 8 -- We have a merciful God:

- Example: [Jonah 4:2 KJV](#) *. . . . I knew that thou [art] a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.*
- Admonition: [Ephesians 2:4-5 KJV](#) *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, (5) Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*

Lesson 9 -- We are to have mercy for others:

- Example: [Jonah 4:2 KJV](#) *And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, [was] not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish*
- Admonition: [Luke 6:36 KJV](#) *Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.*

Lesson 10 -- Be glad for the repentance of others:

- Example: [Jonah 4:1 KJV](#) *But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.*
 - Response: [Jonah 4:4 KJV](#) *Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry?*
- Admonition: [1 Thessalonians 5:16 KJV](#) *Rejoice evermore.*

Lesson 11 -- God is in control:

- Example: The Lord does a lot of preparing -- The LORD prepared a great fish ([Jonah 1:17](#)); The LORD prepared a plant ([Jonah 4:6](#)); The LORD prepared a worm ([Jonah 4:7](#)); The LORD prepared a wind ([Jonah 4:8](#))
 - Because: [Jonah 4:11 KJV](#) *And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city,*
- Admonition: [Matthew 19:26 KJV](#) *But Jesus beheld [them], and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.*

Lesson 12 -- God uses trials and tribulations to build character:

- Example: [Jonah 4:3-4 KJV](#) *Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for [it is] better for me to die than to live. (4) Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry?*
- Admonition: [Romans 5:3-5 KJV](#) *And not only [so], but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; (4) And patience, experience; and experience, hope: (5) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*