



Today's Lesson

1. Worship in Song
2. Jonah 2
 - Observation
 - Interpretation
 - Application
3. Review Matthew 28



God Grows His Church

God grows His church, God grows His children.
God's Word is life, It flows by day and night.

Plant me by the streams of Living Water
Take root below, bear fruit above,
Love one another, reach out to others,

That's how God grows His church
God grows His children.



Assignment 6

Question: What does Jonah 2 and Psalm 40:1-3 say about the divine process of preparation for mission?

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Jonah 2 Observation

Jonah 2:1-4 From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. 2 He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry. 3 You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. 4 I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again



Jonah 2 Observation

Jonah 2:5-7 The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. 6 To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God. 7 "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.



Jonah 2 Observation

Jonah 2:8-10 "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. 9 But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD." 10 And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

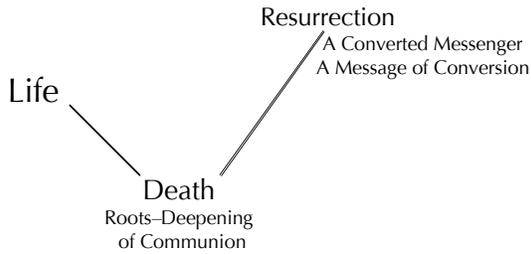


Psalm 40:1-3 Observation

Psalm 40:1-3 I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. 2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.



Preparing the Messenger Interpretation





Jonah Today Application

Gospel Workers, 133-134 In the providence of God, Moses obtained an experience in care-taking, in thoughtfulness, in tender solicitude for his flock, that he might, as a faithful shepherd, be ready when God should call him to take charge of his people. A similar experience is essential for those who engage in the great work of preaching the truth.



Jonah Today

Application

In order to lead souls to the life-giving fountain, the preacher must first drink at the fountain himself. He must see the infinite sacrifice made by the Son of God to save fallen men, and his own soul must be imbued with the spirit of undying love. If God appoints us hard labor to perform, we must do it without a murmur. If the path is difficult and dangerous, it is God's plan to have us follow in meekness, and cry unto him for strength.



4 Motifs for Mission

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1. The Universal Motif

Yahweh is God of the whole world.

Table of Nations—concludes creation history.

Jesus is “Alpha and Omega” in Revelation

Israel, the minority called to serve the majority.

Universal motif in the exile.



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2. Rescue and Liberation

Yahweh delivered Israel as testimony to others.

Yahweh will deliver both Israel and the nations at the time of the restoration.

The servant songs of Isaiah 40-55 show that Israel and the nations shall be redeemed through the death of the servant (Isaiah 53).



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3. The Missionary Motif

The election of Israel is a call to serve nations.

Called to recognize God's presence and live among the nations as His holy people.

The New Testament emphasis on mission is based in the Old Testament.



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4. The Motif of Antagonism

Yahweh is struggling against the forces of evil who work to subvert His plan for mission.

The struggles against Baal worship and other forms of idolatry which impede the coming of God's kingdom.



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Introduction

Shows the antagonism for mission from the very person Yahweh has called to serve the nations.

Focuses on the need for a radical conversion in the life of a missionary both yesterday and today.



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Background

Miskotte: "the writer intends to picture a person who is the exact opposite of an apostle."

Jonah's evasion efforts represents a lazy and unfaithful church which does not heed its Lord's command.



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The Book's Eight Scenes

1. Instead of the nation's "coming" to Zion, Jonah is told to "Go" to the ruthless Ninevah.
2. The church, like Jonah is pictured sleeping through the storm of God's judgments. Although the Jonah has no concern for the Gentile sailors, they are interested in sparing his life and praise God at the calming of the sea.



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3. A large fish swallows Jonah. Jonah cannot escape the missionary mandate and God prepares His messenger in the belly of the fish.
4. Jonah prays to God and the fish takes him to dry land. Jonah has now personally experienced the saving mercy of God.



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5. God again commands Jonah to "proclaim" (Gr. Kerygma) His final offer of mercy to the wicked people of Ninevah.

6. Unlike the proud kings of Judah, the king of Ninevah repents and enjoins every man and animal to follow his example.



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7. Jonah is furious that God's mercy has extended beyond Israel to the Gentiles. Jonah, who received mercy from God in the fish, is angry that this same mercy is given to Ninevah.

8. God is still trying to teach Jonah, and us, that He is concerned for the nations.



God's Church Today **Application**

One "greater than Jonah" has come to preach deliverance to those doomed under the judgment of God. What is our response to His mercy, and shall we proclaim that mercy to the nations?



Next Lesson

1. Study Matthew 28

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Interpretation

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2. Read Great Commission article
