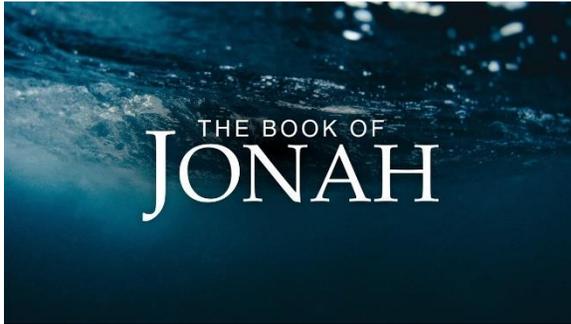


Jonah Part 3 – Praying from the Depths

April 25, 2021 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



PRAYING FROM THE DEPTHS

- REMEMBER THE LORD
- TRUST HIS SOVEREIGNTY
- PRAY WITH URGENCY
- GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE

Questions:

1. Have you ever experienced a dramatic answer to prayer when you had been “praying from the depths”? What happened?
2. Review: The sermon looked at the second chapter of the book of Jonah (in which Jonah was praying to God as he was drowning and then when he was swallowed by a whale). What stood out to you? Do you have any questions to bring up?
3. Read Acts 12:1-17
 - a) How do you think the early Christians felt when James was killed? (he had been one of three closest disciples of Jesus: Peter, James, and John)
 - b) How do you think they felt when Peter (the top leader in Christianity) was seized?
 - c) How did they respond to the crisis? (see v. 5)
 - d) Why do you think they were “astonished” (v. 16) when their prayers were answered?
 - e) What do you think the Christian church should be “earnestly praying to God” for today?
4. Read Jeremiah 29:4-14.
 - a) This passage contains a well-known verse about God’s good plans for His people. What is the original context of these words? Do you think the Israelites received this message joyfully?
 - b) Now read Daniel 9:1-3. What did Daniel realize and how did he respond?
 - c) What was required for the promise in Jeremiah 29 to be fulfilled? (see Jeremiah 29:12). In what way does Daniel step up to do his part in fulfilling this requirement?
 - d) What was the result of Daniel’s prayer? (see Daniel 9:20-25 and 2 Chronicles 36:21-23)
5. What “depths” do you find yourself in right now? How can you apply what you’ve learned from Jonah and the Acts 12 and Jeremiah 29 passages to your situation?
6. Now spend some time praying for each other. If there are any depths to pray about, lift them up to the Lord together.