

My sin affects Other People and God

A silhouette of a person standing on a hill, looking out over a landscape at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and purple, with a bright light source behind the person. The foreground is dark, showing the silhouette of the person and some sparse vegetation.

- When we determine to sin against God, it is likely that others will be adversely affected
- Exodus 34:6 – 7
- Adam is a good example of sin affecting others
- The sin of religious leaders can cause people to walk away from their faith
- The effect of Jonah's sin is immediate and extreme

JONAH THE HERO? ➤



Lots + his confession confirmed Jonah was the culprit

- Jonah tells the crew what they must do to him: throw him overboard
- This was not heroic: it was a case of stubbornness to the death
- Had he repented and agreed with God to go to Nineveh, this could have ended happily

DON'T ASPIRE TO BE Jonah

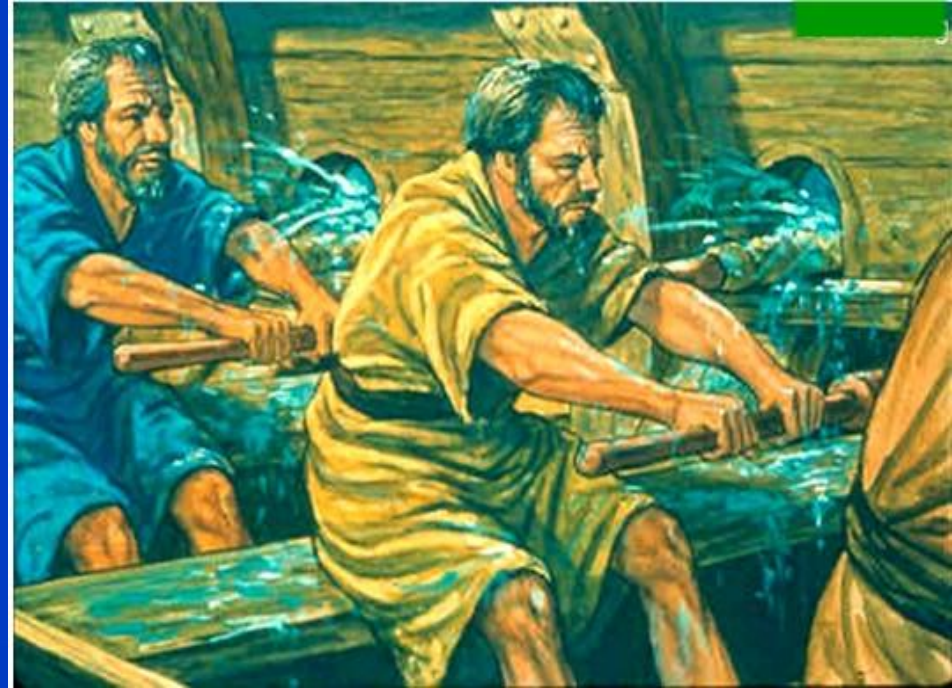
No!



- God places great responsibility on His Prophets
- Deuteronomy 18:19 – 22
- Ezekiel 33:6 – 9
- Jonah openly refused to “warn the wicked”
- Prophets who are wrong in their predictions are false prophets, even if they worship the God of Israel

SEA & LAND ARE GOD'S DOMINION

- Pagan crew couldn't bring themselves to kill Jonah; they rowed towards shore
- God-principle: running away from God's will is impossible
- Revelation 16:1, 7 – 11
- Some people will NOT, at any cost, repent and accept the free gift of Salvation



Our battle is not with
flesh and blood...



- How has it come to be that the biological reality of gender is now suddenly challenged?
- The thought is so irrational that it can only be coming from the unseen realm of the spirit world
- Ephesians 6:12 ***“...the spiritual forces of evil in the Heavenly realm...”***
- To fight fire-with-fire, we must fight a spiritual battle

THE CREW'S ORDEAL ENDS

- Crew realized they had no choice but to do the unthinkable
- The crew called out to God by NAME!
- They are worried that Yehoveh will blame them for throwing Jonah overboard to his death
- Immediately the sea went calm when Jonah touched the water





- Did they make a sacrifice on board the ship?
- Nothing says all the cargo was jettisoned
- Animals were standard cargo for food for long voyages
- Jean Rouge on ancient seafaring says that many ships had altars, and it was typical to have sacrifices

JONAH CHAPTER 2

The Psalm of Jonah



- Verses 1 & 2 and verse 11 are narrative
- Verses 3 – 10 are a Psalm
- Surprise! Jonah is swallowed alive by a great fish and remains alive for 3 days and 3 nights in the sea-beast
- Since it is otherwise impossible, we must owe what happened to God's intervention
- The concept of miracles is today only slightly accepted

GOD DOESN'T STRAIN TO DO MIRACLES!



- A miracle is a divine act beyond the bounds of anything a human can duplicate
- Inside the great fish, Jonah re-examines his situation and what it means
- The Narrator says the Psalm was prayed at that time, and not later
- Scholars ask: why a pause in action and a Psalm?

DID JONAH WRITE THE PSALM?



- 1) Did Jonah compose and pray it inside the fish, or later after Nineveh?
- 2) Did Jonah write it or was it composed by someone else?
- 3) Was the Psalm composed just for the Book of Jonah, or was it already existing?
- Poems can “say it all”, and Prophets were trained poets

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING?



- Psalms are usually non-specific and general
- The Psalm of Jonah is without doubt one of Thanksgiving
- Why isn't he expressing desperation and misery?
- This Psalm helps to expose Jonah's hypocrisy so it is pivotal to the overall story