



JONAH

God's Boundless Compassion



Black Sea

Caspian Sea

Gordion
MESHECH

ARARAT

Tigris River

Nineveh
ASSYRIA

MEDIA

Tarsus
Carchemish

Arpad
BETH-EDEN

Asshur

Ecbatana

Hamath

TARSHISH?

Euphrates River

ELAM

Mediterranean Sea

Tyre
Damascus

SYRIA

Babylon
BABYLONIA

Susa

Samaria
Joppa
Jerusalem

ISRAEL

JUDAH

ARABIAN DESERT

Ur

Persian Gulf

EGYPT

Memphis

Dumah

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200

400 mi

MAIN IDEA:

The content of our prayers often reveals the condition of our hearts.

Jonah 2:1-10

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 deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry. ³ You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me.

Jonah 2:1-10

⁴ I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.'

⁵ 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, LORD my God, brought my life up from the pit.

Jonah 2:1-10

⁷ “When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. ⁸ “Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them. ⁹ But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’”

Jonah 2:1-10

¹⁰ And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Revelation 3:15-17 & 19-20

(To the Church in Laodicea)

¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!

¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

¹⁷ You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.'

Revelation 3:15-17 & 19-20

But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked...¹⁹ Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.²⁰ Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

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4) The right words, not the right attitude.

Psalm 51:1-13

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;

Psalm 51:1-13

so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. ⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. ⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Psalm 51:1-13

⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.



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