



the book of

# JONAH

*God's grace to runaways*

Chapter 2 study guide — 9.10.14

## **God's Grace to Runaways — "count the ways" thus far**

Definition:

1:1 -

1:4ff -

1:17 -

## Key Features to Jonah's Prayer

What? ... What kind of prayer is this?

A word about Jonah's words.

Take **60 seconds** to jot below several Scriptural words, phrases that you would most likely use if you were offering the LORD a thanksgiving prayer for a rescue:

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**2:1** "From inside the fish Jonah prayed to **the LORD** his God. "



**2:2** 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."



**2:3** "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."

Psalm 42:7

*How are we to understand Jonah's description "You hurled me ... your waves and breakers swept over me?"*



**2:4** I said, 'I have been banished from your sight;  
yet I will look again toward your holy temple.'

Psalm 31:22

*"I have been banished" ... irony?*



**2:5-6** "The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was  
wrapped around my head.  
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."



**2:7** "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, **LORD**,  
and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple."

Psalm 5:7; 18:6



**2:8-9** “Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs.  
But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you.  
What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from **the LORD.**”

*Is Jonah thinking of the mariners, the Ninevites, himself or all of the above (and beyond) when he confesses those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs?”*



→ Salvation comes from **the LORD.** ←

*This truth is stated at the precise mid-point of the book of Jonah. Reaction?*

**2:10** “And **the LORD** commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.”  
*... as if this were the “ordinary thing”*



**List a least three Jonah chapter 2 facts that you consider most helpful-to-know:**

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**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, September 17, 2014  
Jonah Chapter 3 ... Second chances