Jonah

Chapter 2

Jonah knows God is displeased. Sense of sin and disobedience. Did not follow the mission. Tried to run away.

Now prays in his distress. Humbled and softened. God welcomes this. Even though he/we frequently caused the situation. Access despite our offenses. We have a hope of deliverance. A hope of mercy.

Jonah was in the depths, literally. Jonah was fleeing from God. Now wants to return to Him. By prayer. Trusts he will be heard.

Sheol. Place of the dead. Like a grave to Jonah. Disobeyed! Condemned?

God hears voice of his affliction. Supplication. Despite the disobedience. We can still call out.

The sign of Jonah. Luke 11.

God had done this to Jonah. The sailors were the instruments. Hebrew means vastness of the oceans. *Your* waves; *Your* bellows. Jesus uses the same phrase.

Punishments surrounded him. Suffering was all around him. Psalm 42:7- David. Jesus.

Look toward the Temple. Look toward the Sanctuary. I can still look. Can always return.

Came into his soul. David in Psalm 69:1. Wrapped in seed weed. Can't help himself. We are all wrapped in sin and can't get loose on our own. Jonah goes to the depths. Prison doors close. God brings him out. Psalm 40:2.

Rescued from an impossible situation. Delivered. From despair to hope. From death to life.

Temple was a *type* of Heaven. Even if he dies, he can look toward the holy Temple. We look to One greater than the Temple. We remember Him.

He will praise the God of mercy. An offering of thanksgiving. Salvation is from the LORD. Can't expect salvation anywhere else. Cannot come from any idols. God is provoked to anger by them. Jonah gives thanks to the True God. He that brings salvation.

So the great fish puts Jonah on the shore.