

THE RELUCTANT MISSIONARY:
RUNNING FROM GOD'S WILL
(Jonah 1:1-17)

- I. God's CALL of Jonah (Jonah 1:1-3)
 - A. His IDENTITY
 - 1. Born about 3 miles NE of NAZARETH
 - 2. Known for prophecy of GOOD NEWS for ISRAEL
 - B. His CHARGE
 - 1. To GO to the Assyrian CAPITAL of Nineveh
 - 2. To DENOUNCE its WICKEDNESS
 - C. His RESPONSE
 - 1. Fled to JOPPA, on the Mediterranean coast (to the SW)
 - 2. Boarded a ship to TARSHISH, on the coast of SPAIN (?)
- II. God's PURSUIT of Jonah (Jonah 1:4-11)
 - A. God HURLED a mighty TEMPEST upon the sea
 - B. The sailors were FRIGHTENED and their GODS were no help
 - 1. They forfeited their CARGO
 - 2. They were in danger of losing their SHIP and their LIVES
 - C. Jonah SLEPT
 - D. Jonah's PRAYER accomplished NOTHING

- E. The lot identified Jonah as the TARGET of God's WRATH
 - F. Jonah CONFESSED he was RUNNING from the Lord
 - G. The crew wondered why Jonah would RUN from such a GOD and how they could ESCAPE His WRATH
- III. Jonah's SOLUTION to God's INTERVENTION (Jonah 1:12-16)
- A. Jonah suggested they THROW him OVERBOARD
 - B. The crew kept FIGHTING the STORM
 - C. The crew TOSSED Jonah into the SEA
 - D. The sea IMMEDIATELY became CALM
- IV. God's PRESERVATION of Jonah (Jonah 1:17)
- A. God had APPOINTED a great FISH to SWALLOW Jonah
 - B. Jonah would stay there for THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS
- V. Lessons
- A. A believer's DISOBEDIENCE can cause great TROUBLE for OTHERS
 - B. God can use His CHASTENING of a REBEL to teach others to BELIEVE (Prov. 21:11)
 - C. You cannot ESCAPE God's JURISDICTION
 - D. God is SOVEREIGN over EVERYONE and EVERYTHING
 - 1. Should give us CONFIDENCE in TRIALS
 - 2. Should make us QUICK to OBEY