

PROPHET JONAH

Jonah, the fifth of the Minor Prophets, was the son of Amittai, and a native of Gath-hepher (2 Kings). He prophesied during the reign of Jeroboam II, the King of Israel from 793-753 B.C. He may have been a member of the company of prophets mentioned in connection with the prophet Elisha's ministry. God told Jonah to preach to the Ninevites, so that they could repent and turn to God, but Jonah did not like the Ninevites and refused to go. Eventually, Jonah is swallowed by a whale and spit up on the shores of Nineveh. He preaches and the inhabitants of the city repent and turn from their evil ways. Jonah is upset that they have been saved and God teaches him that even they are precious in His eyes.

FILL IN THE BLANK

A number of words have been removed from each sentence and listed below the sentence. Use the listed words to fill the blanks in the sentence.

God spoke to Jonah and told him to go preach in the city of _____.

Jonah got on a _____ heading in the opposite direction from where God told him to go.

God caused a great _____ to come upon the sea.

The sailors tossed Jonah into the sea to _____ the storm.

God sent a great _____ to swallow Jonah.

Jonah was in the fish for _____ days.

While in the fish, Jonah repented and promised to go _____ in Nineveh.

God caused the fish to spit Jonah out onto the _____.

God spoke to Jonah a _____ time and told him to go to Nineveh.

This time, Jonah _____ God and went to Nineveh.

Nineveh	calm	obeyed	ship	three
fish	shore	second	storm	preach

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DOING WHAT WE DON'T WANT

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost | Matthew 12:38-45

Sometimes we have to do things that we don't want to do because they are the right thing to do. This was the case with Jonah. God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and preached to the Ninevites so that they would be saved, but Jonah did not want to do this because Jonah did not like the Ninevites. Jonah was a Jew and he hated the Ninevites.

Instead of doing what God wanted him to do, he ran away in the opposite direction of Nineveh. While he was on the ship, a storm arose, and he was thrown overboard. He was swallowed by a whale and God used that whale to bring Jonah to Nineveh to preach to the Ninevites. Jonah was upset by this, but he did it. The Ninevites repented, change their ways, and turn to God.

After this, Jonah was upset but God explained to him how much He loves His creation and how we too must be willing to help others come and find God.

Sometimes in our lives we have to do things we don't like but they are the right thing to do. Sometimes we need to forgive someone who has hurt us or love someone who has treated us poorly. We do this not because we are going to get something from it, but rather, because we see the image of God in that person and we are helping and loving God.

When was there a time that you had to do something that you didn't want to, but you knew it was the right thing?

How did you feel when you were doing it?

How did you feel after it was done?

Is there something now that you don't want to do but you know you have to?

ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

ի հարաւոյ => ee har-a-vo => from the south

Աստուած **ի հարաւոյ** եկեցցէ եւ սուրբն ի Փռաւան լեռնէ:

Asdvadz **ee haravo** yegestseh yev soorpn ee Paran lerneh.

God shall come from the **south**; and the holy One from Mount Paran.

(An example is on page **24** in the Liturgy Book)

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T Y I S N I N E V E H S N I Y
 Y X Y L Z K H T H R E E U E R
 L A M O Q I H V I S O K G Z F
 D C S N N S R S W A L L O W O
 H A A Y I I Z U O I P C N Y N
 E J I F P W O B E Y L C C R K
 X P L O P D C C S Z T V A X L
 S S O V N J D T H C N T L C A
 F G R E E O P W I C P P M G B
 L A S R S N D J P K I E W S O
 O U B B T A S E C F V R F V T
 Y I E O O H O P K S J L N G A
 J D L A R O V N I G H T S A S
 P D L R M T L X R T B O L K C
 C K Y D B K J U M D C M S R B

SWALLOW	SAILORS	THREE	NINEVEH	SHIP
OBEY	CALM	DAYS	STORM	JONAH
OVERBOARD	NIGHTS	BELLY	FISH	SPIT

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SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

If you pray for the salvation of those you know, you are a good person. If you pray for the salvation of people of the world, you are a faithful person. And if you pray for the salvation of men who treat you with hatred and enmity, you are a holy person.



"For as Jonah was in the belly of the whale for three days and nights, likewise the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth for three days and nights."

John 12:40

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