

Review

God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and call out against it because of their evil (1:1)

Jonah refused and fled instead to Tarshish away from God's presence (1:3)

Why?

'I like it here'

'I'm afraid of what might happen to me there'

'I don't like them'

God pursued Jonah by sending a great wind upon the sea (1:4a)

No. 2 – God's Pursuit of Jonah

1:4b-17a

God pursues His servant, but it's others who respond properly to Him instead

What happens when God pursues His runaway prophet?

- God demonstrates His control and concern by *hurling* a great wind
- And others are caught in the storm along with Jonah

the mariners

Jonah

God

The mariners do all they can to call out for help (1:4b-6)

v. 4

- God initiates the storm by sending the great wind on the sea
- The storm gets progressively worse (v. 4, 11, 13)
- Even the ship *threatens* to break apart
- And the mariners were afraid

What do they do?

"each cried out to his god..." (v. 5)

"they *hurled* the cargo that was in the ship into the sea..." (v. 5)

“the captain came” to Jonah, who was asleep... (v. 6)

What do you mean, you sleeper?

Pick me up and *hurl* me into the sea
then the sea will quiet down for you
for I know it is because of me that this great tempest
has come upon you

“they rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not...”

The mariners try to determine who’s at fault for their peril (1:7-10)

v. 7

- They connect their peril with divine punishment
- They connect their peril with someone’s guilt

What do they do?

“they cast lots...” (v. 7)

the lot fell on Jonah (cf. Proverbs 16:33)

“they said to him...” (v. 8)

On whose account has this *evil* come upon us?
What is your occupation?
Where do you come from?
What is your country?
Of what people are you?

Jonah said... (v. 9)

I am a Hebrew
I *fear* the LORD
the God of heaven
who made the sea and the dry land

“the men were exceedingly *afraid*...” (v. 10)

What is this that you have done?

The mariners seek to appease God’s tempest (1:11-17a)

What do they do?

“they said to him...” (v. 11)

What shall we do to you?

Jonah said... (v. 12)

“they called out to the LORD...”

Let us not perish for this man’s life
and lay not on us innocent blood
for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you

“they picked up Jonah and *hurled* him into the sea...”

and the sea ceased from its raging

“then the men *feared* the LORD exceedingly...”

And the LORD *appointed* a *great* fish to swallow up Jonah (v. 17)

The Mariners

Jonah

God