

Sovereign Grace: A Song of Salvation Jonah 2

Is it not wonderful news to believe that salvation lies
outside ourselves?

- Martin Luther

I. Faith Cries Out to the Savior

II. Faith Exalts the Savior

III. One Greater than Jonah

Into the Bible

1. Chapter 2 of Jonah contains several citations from the Psalms where David cries out for help from God in his distress. While we should not wait until we are desperate to communicate with God, how reassuring are the following passages when we are? (Psalm 18:6, 69:15, 103:4, 130:1)

Application

2. Repentance was the message Jonah was commissioned to preach in Nineveh: ironically in verse 4 Jonah is brought to that same position while deep inside the belly of a fish. How do the following verses illustrate the “turning from” and “turning to” nature of repentance? (Isaiah 55:6-7, Acts 8:22, 2 Cor 7:9-10)

3. God's direct involvement in the series of events that Jonah experienced is clearly indicated by the frequency of the repeated phrase "the Lord God appointed" or "the Lord caused". God used all of these things to divinely prepare a very reluctant prophet. How has God used trials and events in your own life to shape you? What does God accomplish by allowing trials to affect us? (1 Peter 1:7, Psalm 66:10-12, James 1:2-4, Isaiah 48:10)

For Families

4. Talk with your children about what happens when we call on God for help.