

Worship Guide

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Jesus is better.

Devotion: Jonah

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The book of Jonah is a theological and literary masterpiece. It chronicles the journey of a wayward prophet into the depths of the sea and the belly of a great fish. But what if Jonah isn't about a fish at all? Take a moment, before going any further, and read the book of Jonah paying special attention to the language and words used by the author.

Did you catch anything?

Let's look at chapter 1: Jonah's descent

The first verse gives us a historical context for who Jonah is. A prophet who lived during the reign of Jeroboam II in the northern kingdom of Israel.

Verse 2 tells us Jonah was commanded by God to Arise and go to Nineveh (east). However, Jonah fled to Tarshish (west). Additionally, four separate occasions we are told Jonah went down – down to Joppa (v.3), down into the ship (v.3), down into the inner part of the ship (v.5), laid down to sleep (v.5). The author seems to be signaling to us that Jonah is going out his way to do the exact opposite of what the Lord has commanded.

Remember – Jonah was a prophet of the Lord. The prophets were supposed to speak and act on behalf of God. They were to be the cream of the crop and demonstrate unblemished obedience and devotion to God. Yet, who among those in chapter 1 do we find demonstrating this kind of faith? Not Jonah – but the pagan captain and sailors.

Look at how the sailors grew in fear because of the storm and directed that fear toward the Lord

v. 5 – The sailors were afraid

v. 10 – The sailors were exceedingly afraid

v. 16 – The sailors feared the Lord exceedingly

After confessing it was he who was causing the storm, Jonah is sentenced and thrown into the sea. However, a fish swallows Jonah not as punishment but rather as salvation.

Chapter 2: Resurrected Prophet

The Poem in chapter 2 recalls the fate of Jonah as he sinks to the bottom of the sea.

v.3 "You cast me into the deep," "the flood surrounded me"

v.5 "The waters closed over me to take my life"

v.6 "The bars closed on me forever"

However, we find the prophet being saved and brought back from the depths and inevitable demise.

v. 6b "Yet you brought up my life from the pit"

Devotion: Jonah (cont'd)

Now Jonah has been saved and this time obeys the word of the Lord – see how chapter 3 mirrors chapter 1

Chapter 3: Irony Unfolds

Chapter 1

The word of the Lord came to Jonah
Arise, go to Nineveh

Chapter 3

The word of the Lord came to Jonah
Arise, go to Nineveh

This time Jonah obeys - He arose and went according to the Word of the Lord.

After entering into Nineveh he calls out against the city and its wickedness. 5 words in the Hebrew was Jonah's sermon. 5 WORDS!

How do the people respond? How does Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, the most vile and evil nation respond to the Lord? They repent – But did you catch who repented?

v. 6 The King

v.7 The Nobles

v.8 All People

v.8 EVEN THE ANIMALS!!!

Again, the author seems to be signaling to us that just as Jonah went to the extreme to disobey the Word of the Lord, the people of Nineveh seem to be going to the extreme to obey the Word of the Lord.

Chapter 4: The Final Indictment

Finally, in chapter 4 we find out the reason for Jonah's rebellion.

v. 2 "This is why I made haste to flee, for I knew you were a gracious God, slow to anger, and would relent from destroying the city"

Jonah didn't like the people of Nineveh and as an Israelite (the people of God) wanted to see them destroyed. However, the Lord flipped Jonah's worldview upside down.

You see, Jonah is meant to represent the nation of Israel as a whole. Israel was constantly forsaking the Word of the Lord, worshiping the gods of the nations, and fleeing from God's holy presence. The very people who should be a light to the nations have wandered into darkness and have been replaced by the likes of Assyria - for the sailors and the captain, the king and even the animals, all respond to the Lord in the way Jonah should have.

Devotion: Jonah (cont'd)

What About Us?

Do you ever find yourself acting as a believer in a way that more closely resembles your lost friends? How do you think that reflects towards God?

Do you find it hard to love a certain people, country, or perspective?

How should we respond when we see the lost world caring more for the things of God (love, mercy, forgiveness, charity, compassion) more than we do?

Order of Service

I Have a Hope

Artist: Tommy Walker

Passing the Peace*

Call to Worship

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Praise the Father, Praise the Son

Artist: Chris Tomlin

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Prayer - The Valley of Vision

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How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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Singing in the Victory

Artist: Austin Stone Worship

Prayers of the People

Doxology

I Have a Hope

*I have a hope. I have a future.
I have a destiny that is yet awaiting me.
My life's not over; a new beginning's just begun.
I have a hope. I have this hope.*

*God has a plan; it's not to harm me,
but it's to prosper me and to hear me when I call.
He intercedes for me, working all things for my good;
though trials may come, I have this hope!*

***I will yet praise Him, my great Redeemer!
I will yet stand up and give Him glory with my life!
He takes my darkness and He turns it into light;
I will yet praise Him, my Lord, my God!***

*My God is for me; He's not against me,
so tell me, whom then?
Tell me, whom then shall I fear?
He has prepared for me
great works He'll help me to complete.
I have a hope. I have this hope.*

***I will yet praise Him, my great Redeemer!
I will yet stand up and give Him glory with my life!
He takes my darkness and He turns it into light;
I will yet praise Him, my Lord, my God!***

*Goodness and mercy; they're 'gonna follow me,
and I'll forever dwell in the house of my great King!
No eye has ever seen all He's preparing there for me;
though trials may come, I have this hope!*

***I will yet praise Him, my great Redeemer!
I will yet stand up and give Him glory with my life!
He takes my darkness and He turns it into light;
I will yet praise Him, my Lord, my God!***

*There's still hope for me today,
'cause the God of heaven loves me.*

***For I know the plans I have for you” — this is the Lord’s
declaration — “plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to
give you a future and a hope.***

Jeremiah 29:11

Passing the Peace

“Christian worship is filled with profound actions: heads bowed in prayer, arms raised in praise, standing in reverence during a Scripture reading, coming forward to give an offering. One ancient and significant gesture in worship is the passing of the peace.

Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers (Matt. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:20) and trains our hearts, hands, and tongues in the ways of peace.

The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21).

What’s more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21). Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God’s call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3).

Praise the Father, Praise the Son

*O sovereign God, O matchless King
The saints adore, the angels sing
And fall before the throne on grace
To you belongs the highest praise*

*These sufferings, this passing tide
Under Your wings I will abide
And every enemy shall flee
You are my hope and victory*

***Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names***

*To the valley, for my soul
Thy great descent has made me whole!
You word my heart has welcomed home
Now peace like water ever flows*

***Oh, praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names***

*Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever*

***Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who
has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens
in Christ. For he chose us in him, before the foundation of
the world, to be holy and blameless in love before him.***

Ephesians 1:3-4

Corporate Confession

"Our God longs for honesty and holiness within the promise-based relationship God has established with us in Christ. In a culture that avoids talk of sin and culpability, regular prayers of confession foster honesty and openness in our relationship with God. Just as a marriage cannot flourish without honest confession, so our marriage-like relationship with God cannot flourish unless we freely and honestly express all facets of our life: hopes, fears, sins, desires, thanksgiving, and praise. Blessed by God's providence, we don't offer our prayers of confession in a spiritual vacuum with a remote hope that some god or higher power will listen and forgive. We confess sin in the context of the covenant Lord's love shown to us through Jesus Christ."

Faith Alive Christian Resources; Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. The Worship Sourcebook, Second Edition . Faith Alive Christian Resources. Kindle Edition.

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O Living God,

We thank you that we can see the worst of our hearts as well as the best of them, that we can sorrow for those sins that carry us away from you, that it is your deep and dear mercy to threaten punishment so that we might return, pray, and live.

Our sin is to look on our faults and be discouraged, or to look on our own goodness and be puffed up.

We fall short of your glory every day by wasting the time you have given us, by thinking the things we do are good, when they are not done for your glory or come from the commands of your Word.

Our sin is to fear what never will be; we forget to submit to your will and fail to be quiet there.

But Scripture teaches us that your active will reveals a steadfast purpose on our behalf - and this quiets our souls and makes us love you.

Help us to always understand that saints mourn more for sin than other men, for when they see how great is your wrath against sin, and how Christ's death alone pacifies that wrath, that makes them mourn all the more.

Help us to see that although we are in the wilderness it is not all briars and barrenness.

We have bread from heaven, streams from the rock, light by day, fire by night, your dwelling place and your mercy seat.

We are often discouraged by the paths of life, but though winding and trying, it is safe and short.

Death dismays us, but our great high priest stands in its waters, and will open a passage for us, and beyond is a better country.

***While we live let our lives be exemplary,
When we die may our end be peace.***

Amen.

Give Us Clean Hands

*We bow our hearts, we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols*

***So give us clean hands and give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Oh give us clean hands and give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another***

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Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols*

***So give us clean hands and give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands, oh God and give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another***

*Oh God let us be a generation that seeks
Who seeks Your face, oh God of Jacob
Oh God let us be a generation that seeks
Who seeks Your face, oh God of Jacob*

***So give us clean hands and give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands, oh God and give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another***

*The one who lives blamelessly, practices righteousness,
and acknowledges the truth in his heart —
who does not slander with his tongue,
who does not harm his friend
or discredit his neighbor,
Psalms 15:2-3 (CSB)*

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

*What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong*

*Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand*

***O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death***

*What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood*

*Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?*

*Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him*

*And we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore*

***God is our refuge and strength, a helper who is always
found in times of trouble.
Therefore we will not be afraid, though the earth trembles
and the mountains topple into the depths of the seas,
though its water roars and foams
and the mountains quake with its turmoil.***

Psalms 46:1-3

The Heart of the Prophets: Habakkuk

We are currently in a series through the Minor Prophets. Each week, we will learn about the heart (that which lies at the center) of each Prophets message to Israel and what that means for us.

In order to make it through all of the Minor Prophets this summer, we'll be including a written devotion in this worship guide each week to cover a book that will not be preached on.

It is our prayer that this series and the accompanying devotions will help you better understand God's Word for us and help us to live in a way that honors Him.

To help you prepare for this week's sermon in Habakkuk, please view the video linked below for a helpful overview from our brothers and sisters at The Bible Project.

(Download their app while you're at it. This is an incredible resource and gift to the Church)

Visit this URL: bibleproject.com/explore/video/habakkuk

or Scan this QR code with your phone



The overview drawing is included below for your own reference. Feel free to print it and let your kids color it during Sunday worship or while you watch the overview video as a family.

THREAT OF BABYLON

• DOESN'T ACCUSE ISRAEL
• ADDRESSES GOD WITH HIS STRUGGLE - IS GOD GOOD WHEN THERE'S SO MUCH EVIL IN THE WORLD?

LAMENT:
DRAWING GOD'S ATTENTION TO INJUSTICE

INJUSTICE & IDOLATRY
FINAL DECADES OF ISRAEL'S SOUTHERN KINGDOM

HABAKKUK

WHEN GOD WILL:

- DEFEAT EVIL
- BRING JUSTICE TO ALL
- RESCUE THE OPPRESSED

A PAST EXODUS → **BECOMES AN IMAGE OF** → **A FUTURE EXODUS**

GOD'S ANSWER TO Habakkuk's Later Generations

NOT UNIQUE! MOST NATIONS EVENTUALLY BECOME BABYLON...

HABAKKUK & GOD

1-2a COMPLAINT #1

HOW LONG WILL I CRY OUT? WHY DON'T YOU LISTEN? (1:2)

TORAH NEGLECTED

VIOLENCE & INJUSTICE

CRIMINAL LEADERSHIP

15-11 RESPONSE #1

LOOK! I'M RAISING UP THE BABYLONIANS.

12b FIVE WOES

1) THE OPPRESSIVE INJUSTICE OF BABYLON

2) UNJUST ECONOMIC PRACTICES

3) SLAVE LABOR

4) IRRESPONSIBLE LEADERS

5) IDOLATRY

Righteous will LIVE BY THEIR Faith

3 HABAKKUK'S PRAYER

3:1-2 HABAKKUK PLEADS WITH GOD

RENEW YOUR WORK IN OUR DAYS! (3:1-2)

3:9 YOU SAVE YOUR PEOPLE AND YOUR ANOINTED ONE. (3:9)

3:17 YOU CRUSH THE HEAD OF THE EVIL HOUSE. (3:17)

3:18 EVEN IF THE FIELDS PRODUCE NO FOOD, I WILL FIND JOY IN GOD MY SAVIOR. (3:17-18)

3:19 SHINING EXAMPLE OF THE Righteous LIVING BY Faith

A FUTURE EXODUS

ARCHER OF EVIL NATIONS

SHIMILAR TO MICHAEL & HANUK... & TO THE FINAL EXODUS (14:30)

GOD APPEARS IN POWER!

12-2a COMPLAINT #2

WHAT! BARBOL IS EVEN WORSE THAN ISRAEL!

THEY NEEK THEIR POWER
THEY TREAT HUMANS LIKE ANIMALS
THEY DEVOUR NATIONS

I'LL STAY SURECH & WAIT FOR GOD TO RESPOND TO ME (2:3)

12-5 RESPONSE #2

GOD WILL BRING BABYLON DOWN!
GOD MAY USE CONQUER KINGDOMS, BUT DOESN'T ENDORSE THEM.
ALL NATIONS ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD'S JUSTICE.

VISION ABOUT AN APPOINTED TIME

Righteous will LIVE BY THEIR Faith

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

*How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory*

*Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished*

*I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom*

***Yet the Lord was pleased to crush him severely.
When you make him a guilt offering,
he will see his seed, he will prolong his days,
and by his hand, the Lord's pleasure will be accomplished.
Isaiah 53:10***

Singing in the Victory

*I will not be anxious, Jesus, You are near
The Peace of God surrounding me, and casting out all fears
The hand that holds the heavens,
is the mighty hand that saves
The voice that calms the stormy seas
Is calling me by name*

***I'm singing in the victory, the victory of the cross
I'm resting in the shadow, of Your redeeming love
I'm standing on the promise, the promise of new life
'Cause I am Yours forever, and Jesus, You are mine
Oh Jesus, You are mine***

*When I have forgotten, the fullness of Your grace
Yes, I'll remember Calvary, where You took my place*

***I'm singing in the victory, the victory of the cross
I'm resting in the shadow, of Your redeeming love
I'm standing on the promise, the promise of new life
'Cause I am Yours forever, and Jesus, You are mine
Oh Jesus, You are mine
Oh Jesus, You are mine***

*There is no one like You, God
Love immeasurable and strong
There is no one like You, God
So lead this heart to sing in awe
There is no one like You, God, no-o
Love immeasurable and strong
There is no one like You, God
So lead this heart to sing in awe*

***There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the righteous:
"The Lord's right hand performs valiantly!"
Psalms 118:15***

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, & Holy Ghost
Amen*

Announcements

NEW

Men's & Women's Bible Studies

More info coming soon...

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Gift Card Drive

We need **grocery store** gift cards to help supply
Refuge for Women with food for new residents!

**Drop off gift cards in the lobby on Sunday
mornings throughout the month of July!**

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