

A PRAYER FROM THE DEPTHS

Jonah 1:17-2:10



But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights.

Jonah 1:17

Seated upon the convex mound
of one vast kidney Jonah prays
and sings his canticles and hymns.
Making the hollow vault resound
God's goodness and mysterious
ways
Til
the great fish spouts music as he
swims.

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JONAH'S PRAYER

Jonah 2:1-9

I called to the Lord out of my
distress, and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice. You
cast me into the deep, into the
heart of the seas, and the flood
surrounded me; all your waves
and your billows passed over me.

Then I said, "I am driven away
from your sight;
how shall I look again upon your
holy temple?"

Jonah 2:1-4

The waters closed in over me;
the deep surrounded me; weeds
were wrapped around my head
at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land whose
bars closed upon me for ever;
yet you brought up my life from
the Pit, O Lord my God.
As my life was ebbing away, I
remembered the Lord; and my
prayer came to you, into your
holy temple.

Jonah 2:5-7

"We can only start from
where we are – not where
we think we should be."

Save me, O God, for the
waters have come up to my
neck. I sink in deep mire,
where there is no foothold; I
have come into deep waters,
and the flood sweeps over me.

Psalms 69:1-2

Those who worship vain idols
forsake their true loyalty. But I
with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you; what I
have vowed I will pay.
Deliverance belongs to the
Lord!

Jonah 2:8-9

- The question of idols/priorities
- The question of grace
- The question of salvation

THE RESOLUTION

Jonah 2:10

Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.