

THE WORD OF THE LORD
JONAH 1:1-17
WEEK 1 OF 3

I. JONAH WAS A REAL HISTORICAL FIGURE(II KINGS 14:25)

A. Five things about Jonah

1. His name- Jonah
2. His religion- Follower of Yahweh
3. His family- Son of Amittai
4. His job- Prophet
5. His hometown- Gath-hepher

B. The book of Jonah is one of the smallest books of the old testament.

C. It is the only book of the prophets that focuses on the prophet, Jonah, and not on what he said.

D. Every chapter, every verse in Jonah is about the grandeur of our God.

II. THE FIRST TWO MIRACLES IN THE BOOK OF JONAH ARE FOUND IN THE VERY FIRST VERSE.(JONAH 1:1)

THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO JONAH SON OF AMITTAI:

Jonah 1:1

A. God spoke

B. God allowed a mere human to hear His voice.

III. GOD INTERRUPTS OUR LIVES BECAUSE THE INTERRUPTED LIFE IS THE SIGNIFICANT LIFE.

A. Moses

D. Sarah

B. Noah

E. Joseph

C. Abraham

F. Mary

G. Disciples

EVERY MAJOR PERSON IN THE BIBLE HAD THEIR LIVES INTERRUPTED BY GOD TO GO AND DO GOD'S WILL

IV. IF WE VIOLATE THE DESIGN AND PURPOSE OF GODLY THINGS-THEY STRIKE BACK

A. There are consequences to our actions or lack of actions.

B. If we violate the law of God, we are violating our own design.

C. The Bible speaks of God's punishment of sin

EVERYONE WITH A PROUD HEART IS DETESTABLE TO THE LORD; BE ASSURED, HE WILL NOT GO UNPUNISHED. Proverbs 16:5

D. Sometimes the sin itself punishes us.

THE VIOLENCE OF THE WICKED SWEEPS THEM AWAY BECAUSE THEY REFUSE TO ACT JUSTLY. Proverbs 21:7

E. Sin sets up strains in the structure of life
which can only end in breakdown.

V. THE WORLD IS FILLED WITH DESTRUCTIVE STORMS ALL AROUND US

A. The Bible doesn't say that every difficulty or storm is the result of our sins.

B. Storms can wake us up to truths we would otherwise never see.

1. Abraham

2. Joseph

3. Moses

C. As Christians our focus must be on God's will
"God never allows His children to sin successfully"
(Charles Spurgeon)

**YOU CAN RUN FROM GOD BUT YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO
OUTRUN HIM**

If God has called you, you: should arise and go

If you are running-stop running

If you are going to run anyway, run back to His arms

**JESUS STANDS WITH ARMS OPEN AND WIDE TO
RECEIVE YOU!**