

Jonah

“If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s kids, and heirs according to the promise.” (Funnels)

I. A prophet with a bad attitude.

2 Kings 14:23-27 (25)
Jonah 2:9

- No argument, just run –
- Time to cool his heels ...
- A brief “gospel” message.
- Waiting for the fireworks; the attitude resurfaces.
- Do you get the feeling ...?

II. Our God’s heart & tenacity.

- *“Shouldn’t I care?”*
- Orders given.
- Travel plan “interrupted.”
- A spiritual retreat (of sorts) offered.
- Orders given.
- Object lesson.

III. Conversions @ the right time.

- A “collateral” conversion (with a splash) –

- Nineveh

Eternity in Their Hearts
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Acts 17:24-27
Acts 17:30, 31
Matthew 12:38-40

IV. What can we learn by looking into the “Jonah mirror?”

- Jonah had issues:

- Do we have issues?

- Our God has purpose:

Sure, a weekend inside a fish would get our attention, but ...

The God who made the world ... From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. Acts 17:26, 27 (24a)