

A PRAYER FROM THE PIT
Jonah 1:17-2:10 // July 26, 2026 AM

The Lord's severe and supernatural compassion is meant to lead us to repentance.

I. God sovereignly *subjects* to death (1:17-2:6a).

II. God sovereignly *saves from* death (2:6b-10).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is a miracle? Why is it perfectly reasonable to believe in miracles?
2. What did God appoint to save Jonah from the waters of the sea? What does this teach us about God?
3. How long did Jonah remain in the belly of the sea creature? Where else in the Bible do we find a reference to "three days and three nights"? Why is this timing significant?
4. How did Jonah's near-death experience turn him to the Lord? Is Jonah a perfect example of repentance? How does his prayer present a complex portrait of the prophet?
5. What does it mean for salvation to belong to God? Do you agree that this is a fitting summary of the entire message of the Bible? Why, or why not?
6. What does this miraculous lifting up of Jonah from death point forward to?
7. What does it mean to repent, and how does this account call us to it?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I know unbelievers who scoff at miracles like the one in this text? Why should I not be intimidated by this, and how should I respond?
2. How is my own heart reflected in the complex picture given of Jonah's heart in his prayer?
3. Have I experienced the miracle of repentance through God's severe and supernatural compassion?