

Severe Mercy

JONAH FOR GROWN-UPS

Jonah 1:17 *Now the LORD had appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah spent three days and three nights in the belly of the fish.*

God's _____ goes beyond all human comprehension and possibilities.

The very first rule of Bible reading is _____.

The book of Jonah is among the _____ books of the Bible.

Hosea 8:1-3 *"Put the trumpet to your lips! An eagle is over the house of the Lord because the people have broken my covenant and rebelled against my law. 2 Israel cries out to me, 'Our God, we acknowledge you!' 3 But Israel has rejected what is good; an enemy will pursue him.*

Hosea 8:8 *Israel is swallowed up; now she is among the nations like something no one wants.*

Jeremiah 51:34 *"Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has devoured me(us); he has crushed me. He has set me aside like an empty vessel; he has swallowed me like a monster; he filled his belly with my delicacies and vomited me out.*

Sin leads to _____ with the hope of a return to God for rescue and _____.

Big Questions in the Pit:

Will I _____ to God?

Will God be _____?

Jonah 2:1-2 *From inside the fish, Jonah prayed to the LORD his God, 2 saying:*

*"In my distress I called to the LORD,
and He answered me.*

*From the belly of Sheol I called for help,
and You heard my voice.*

He acknowledges that God _____ him and answers him.

*3 For You cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the current swirled about me;
all Your breakers and waves swept over me.*

He realizes God is _____.

He will use the _____ to rescue and redeem.

*4 At this, I said,
'I have been banished from Your sight;
yet I will look once more
toward Your holy temple.'*

There is _____.

*5 The waters engulfed me
to take my life;
the watery depths closed around me;
the seaweed wrapped around my head. (Seaweed turban!)*
*6 To the roots of the mountains I descended;
the earth beneath me barred me in forever! (You hear the hopelessness/trapped)*
*But You raised my life from the pit,
O LORD my God!*

Jonah realizes the only thing that really matters is _____.

7 As my life was fading away, I remembered the LORD. My prayer went up to You, to Your holy temple.

_____ have nothing to do with God's feelings or commitment toward us.

The evidence of God's commitment to each one of us is the life, death, and resurrection of _____.

8 Those who cling to worthless idols forsake His loving devotion/His grace.

_____ blocks you from receiving grace.

9 But I, with the voice of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to You. I will fulfill what I have vowed. Salvation is from the LORD!"

_____ only comes from the Lord.

We can _____ to give thanksgiving and praise, even in the pit.