

When We Can't, God Can
Jonah 2
March 27, 2022

I. The Overwhelming Judgment of God (V. 1-7)

- A. We cannot fulfill our calling, but God can.
- B. We cannot fix our problems, but God can.

II. The Overwhelming Salvation of God (V. 8-10)

- A. Our idols cannot forgive our sins, but God can.
- B. Our efforts cannot save our souls, but God can.

III. Practical Implications

- A. It is very possible for someone to be totally saved and still have deep-rooted sin.
- B. Salvation is not just a one-time event, but an everyday process of sanctification as God crushes our idols one by one.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Jonah 2.
2. Has God ever helped you out of a bad situation through an unlikely source, as Jonah was through the fish? How did that happen?
3. Why is Jonah's prayer here important, considering he hasn't done anything yet to change? What should come first for us when we realize our life is a wreck: prayer to God or work for God? Why?
4. What is the difference between sinning against an idol and sinning against the one true God, according to verse 8? How does that make you feel about the character of God and following Him?
5. How can Jonah say "salvation belongs to the Lord" in verse 9 and just two chapters later say he would rather die than see God save the Ninevites (4:2-3)? Is it possible for a saved person to still harbor deep seated hatred for other people? Why?
6. What does this story tell you about God's heart to use dysfunctional people for His purpose? What does it also tell you about the dangers of doing God's will without God's heart?
7. Pray for our church, that God would give our members the courage to pray to Him in our darkest hours. Consider coming to tonight's online church prayer meeting at 7 pm (register from the church website on the homepage).

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: 1 Timothy 1-2

April Memory Verses: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Ephesians 1:15-19a (ESV)

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ^{1a} that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ^{19a} and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe,

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This registration will last through 4/17/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for our new Pastoral Intern, Daniel Matthews, and his family as they transition to Apollo.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Comfort J. (husband), Trevon T. (grandmother), Walter W. (brother), Gretchen E. (father), Rick V.S. (brother), Terry H. (brother), and Matthew M. (uncle)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (awaiting kidney transplant), Debbie B. (blood clots, hip pain), Leon V. (chemo & recovery from infection), Ann C.-W. (health issues), Ruthie C. (recovery from a fall), Ken R. (recovering from surgery), Marie B's husband (recovery from emergency surgery & continued back issues), Debbie P. (healing & improved health), Twila D. (serious stroke) and Wayne D. (declining health)
- Those struggling with COVID
- Others that you are aware of