

THE WORD OF GOD, Part 1

Date: October 5, 2025 - Jonah 1: 1-17

Central Idea: Obeying God's Word brings blessing; disobedience brings discipline. Are you committed to obeying God's Word?

Introduction:

The book of Jonah records the greatest missionary success story in history. The book is not about a great fish or a great city or a disobedient prophet. It's about God! God is mentioned thirty-seven times in these four short chapters. Jonah is about the word and will of God.

A simple outline of Jonah is as follows: Chapter 1 "I Won't Go," Chapter 2 "I Will Go," Chapter 3 "I'm Here," and Chapter 4 "I Shouldn't Have Come."

The phrase "...the word of the Lord..." and similar expressions occur seven times in this book.

Jonah Fleeting—Jonah 1:1-17

I. The Reason for His Flight, vv. 1-2

1. Jonah, v. 1
2. Multitude, v. 2a
3. Message, v. 2b

II. The Route of His Flight, v. 3

III. The Results of His Flight, vv. 4-17

1. To the Sailors, vv. 4-11
2. To Jonah, vv. 12-17

Conclusion:

When you're running from a particular aspect of your calling, God will send circumstances, and they will find you. Jonah forgot that the will of God is not an option; it is an obligation and an opportunity. God loves us so much that He disciplines us (Hebrews 12:1-11) when we run from His will for our lives. Believers will be blessed when they obey God. However, disobedience will bring discipline and correction until we submit to His Word and will.