

THE WORD WITH GOD

Date: October 12, 2025 - Jonah 1:17-2:10

Central Idea: Prayer demonstrates running to God for help. Do you run to God in times of need?

Introduction:

When God calls us for a mission, we should run to Him in prayer. It is sad when we put off prayer and often wait too late. But God is gracious and merciful. Praise God for forgiveness!

Warren Wiersbe said, "How did Jonah get into all that trouble? He forgot God, neglected prayer (v. 3), and believed lies (v. 8). He learned the hard way that he could not escape God's will. But he was wise enough to run back to God and ask for forgiveness!"

I. God's Preparation, 1:17

II. Jonah's Prayer, 2:1-9

1. Thanksgiving, vv. 2-6
2. Contrition, vv. 7-8
3. Commitment, v. 9

III. Jonah's Promise, 2:9-10

1. His Surrender, v. 9
2. His Salvation, v. 10

Conclusion:

Jonah was given a second chance to make a right decision. Valuable time and energy had been wasted. When God calls you to obedience, you need to understand this: He's not going to change His character or His Word.

Practical Lessons of Permanent Value:

1. The path of self-will is always downward.
2. How futile it is to resist the will of God.
3. Every heart has an inherent capacity for God.
4. In the hour of distress, one must turn to the God he has grieved.