

The Church of Jesus Christ

Lessons for the church in Jonah

Jonah Chapter 2 – Salvation is of the Lord

It is Good to be Afflicted (v. 1-2a)

- Affliction causes you to experience need.
- God delights to respond in grace. (Ps. 50:15; 107:17-32)

Grace shown to Jonah (v. 2b-10)

How do you grasp grace?

1. Mind

- Need to get a clearer grasp of the truth of grace in the mind
- Grace is a completely undeserved gift by a completely un-obligated giver.
- Must recognize how undeserving you are and see the depth of your need. Then, the grace shown by the cross of Christ takes on a transforming power.

2. Heart

- Need to love grace, not just understand the concept.
- The temple (v. 4, 7) is the meeting place with God – where sin is taken seriously. It is also the place of sacrifice and thus becomes the place of hope.
- The fulfillment of what the OC temple was all about – is Jesus! Thus the question is answered: “How can God be just and the justifier?”

3. Life

- Need to live grace. We need to live as a recipient of great grace – where we, though we are “that bad,” we are “that loved.”

Marks of a grace-transformed life

- Fears relieved (v. 9). In the gospel of grace there is a combination of confidence and humility.
- Bigotry is eroded. Jonah has not yet reached this. He must still grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.

A Picture of a Greater than Jonah (v. 2b-10)

(Matt. 12:38-42; 16:4; Luke 11:29-32). Jesus cast Himself into the wrath of God. We are saved by the true Jonah. The resurrection of Jesus as Lord is foreshadowed by this event. Now as King and Lord of salvation, Jesus extends grace and salvation to all who come to Him in repentance and faith.