

Undefeated Purpose Pt9

Jonah

LUKE 1:37

37. *For with God nothing shall be impossible.*

JONAH 1:1-3

1. *Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,*
2. *Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.*
3. *But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.*

A MAN RUNNING FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD [65-0217]

But if you're a true Christian, truly called like Jonah was, **God has already got your fare paid**. Get off of that ship going to Tarshish, anyhow. God predestinated you to this life. Yes, sir. If you're a true, called child of God, come to Christ. Come into the fullness of Him. Your way is paid to where? It's paid to Nineveh, not to Tarshish. You're predestinated. Your ship... There's a ship leaving right now, on its road. So **there's only one thing to do, is get on it**.

JONAH 1:4-17

4. *But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.*
5. *Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.*
6. *So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.*
7. *And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.*
8. *Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us; What is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and of what people art thou?*
9. *And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land.*

10. *Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.*
11. *Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous.*
12. *And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.*
13. *Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.*
14. *Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee.*
15. *So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.*
16. **Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.**
17. **Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah.** *And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.*

PSALM 139:7-10

7. *Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?*
8. *If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, **thou art there.***
9. *If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;*
10. *Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.*

AMOS 9:2

2. *Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:*

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Everywhere he turned, God was there.

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...where Jonah went, God was in the boat; God was in the storm; God was in the fish.

He went on being right along with Jonah until His perfect will was done. That's right.

And if He's ever after you, you might dodge over here, and dodge over there, but **you'll be miserable until you come back and do the thing you started out for Him to do at the first place.**

JONAH 2:1

1. **Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,**

"In his affliction, he cries to Him from whom he had been seeking to hide." ~ H. A. Ironside

THE QUEEN OF THE SOUTH [58-0613]

I like to carry Jonah a little further. God, by that faith, must have put an oxygen tent down in the belly of that whale. He kept him alive for three days and nights. But look what God's a doing. **No matter what takes place, God will make it praise Him anyhow.**

JONAH 2:2

2. *And said, **I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD,** and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, **and thou heardest my voice.***

JONAH 2:5-10

5. *The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.*

6. *I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.*

7. *When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.*

8. *They that observe **lying vanities** forsake their own mercy.*

9. *But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. **Salvation is of the LORD.***

10. *And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.*

JONAH 3:1-3a

1. *And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying,*

2. *Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.*

3a. ***So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD.***

THE SIN OF UNBELIEF [58-0517E]

Oh, there's many times that **we like to say that Jonah was all out of the will of God. And he might've been according to the commission.** But God makes all things work together for good to them that love Him. And He turned that disobedient prophet's journey into one of the greatest blessings that we can read of.