

# Prayers from the Pit

JONAH #2 - Pastor Gary Combs – May 5, 2013 – Jonah 2

Jonah 2:1-10 (ESV) <sup>1</sup>Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, <sup>2</sup>saying, "I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. <sup>3</sup>For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. <sup>4</sup>Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; Yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.' <sup>5</sup>The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head <sup>6</sup>at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God. <sup>7</sup>When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. <sup>8</sup>Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. <sup>9</sup>But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!" <sup>10</sup>And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

## THE HEART OF PRAYER FOR WHICH GOD LISTENS:

### 1. God hears our \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (ESV) if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin...

James 4:7-10 (ESV) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

### 2. God reveals Himself when we \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (ESV) if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin...

Psalms 143:7 (NIV) Answer me quickly, Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit.

Psalms 105:4 (NIV) Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

### 3. God saves when we \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 15:17-20 (NIV) "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (ESV) if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin...

Revelation 3:19 (ESV) Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

2 Corinthians 7:9-10 (ESV) As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

Luke 24:46-48 (ESV) Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.