

How Deep Can You Go That God Is Not There?

Jonah 2:5-10

Opening Remarks:

1. The reading of Ps. 104 reminds me of how God is in charge and He knows I need this.
2. When the feeling of being expelled from the sight of God is real, NEVERTHELESS:
3. Experience the affliction with Jonah and watch God bring him back from Sheol.

- I. Jonah's condition sees him far away from God (5-7).
 - A. He is encompassed by water to the point of death (5). H
 - B. He is engulfed (surrounded) by the deep.
 - C. The descent to the netherworld - Descended to the roots of the mountains – (6a).
 - D. Bars surrounded him to the point he felt trapped with no way out.
 - E. He had (6c) descended to the pit(grave) & been delivered-Ps. 88:3,4.
 - F. The faint experience - Fainting away – (7) He was going down for the 3rd time.
- II. Jonah's lesson in faithfulness - (8).
 - A. Empty Vanities will create a hindrance to the pathway God has for the believer.
 - B. Human life is like a passing shadow– Ps. 144:4
 - C. Man's thoughts are a mere breath– Ps. 94:11
- III. Jonah unloads his feelings and thoughts (9).
 - A. I will **sacrifice** with the voice of thanksgiving.
 - B. I will make good on the vow I made.
 - C. I will continue to acknowledge that you **possess** salvation.
 - D. Obedience clears the way for God to do His work. Disobedience can delay God's work.
- I. Jonah experiences the great power of God (10)
 - A. God hears Jonah's prayer of repentance and responds with mercy.
 - B. God reminds Jonah of who is in charge with a loud thud.

Closing Comments:

1. When the feeling of being expelled from the sight of God is real, NEVERTHELESS:
 2. It is possible to make good on our promises to God.
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