

GOD HAD A GREAT FISH PREPARED



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118 Now, Jonah. Many people, I have said, about Jonah, they said, “Well, that fellow was an unbeliever.” No, he wasn’t.

119 He was supposed to go to Nineveh, that’s exactly right, because it was a great city filled with sin. And maybe a half a million people in it, and they was very, very bad. They was a great commercial city. Their occupation chiefly was fishing, I understand, and so they were. He was sent down there, but he got on the wrong ship and went to—to Tarshish.

120 Now many people try to say that he didn't want to do that. I believe it was all planned by God. I was reading a little story, it might bear record to say at this time, to kind of justify Jonah, to get in what I want to say.

121 Now, Jonah, when he took the wrong ship, the first thing you know, he was going the wrong way and they got in trouble.



The winds begin to blow, the—the waves begin to roar, and everybody thought the ship was going to sink.



So Jonah was fast asleep, and they said, “Rise, O sleeper, and call upon your God!”





122 And Jonah confessed that he was in the wrong. He said, “Now you bind my feet and my hands, and throw me overboard, and then the storm will cease.” And they did that.



And God had a great fish prepared.

123 Now, I heard a scientist here not long ago, in Louisville, Kentucky; where, I used to live at Jeffersonville, just across.

They had a whale frame laying on a—on a flatcar and this fellow was lecturing, this scientist, and telling about how many teeth he had, and, oh, I don't know.

So then finally he said, "You know, the—the Bible story," said, "which is not true," he said, "the Bible..."

124 That was just too much for me, so I just moved up a little closer.

I thought, "I'm going to see what he is going to say."



125 He said, “The Bible story of—of the whale swallowing Jonah,” said, “I want you people to look. How could a man get through his throat, when you couldn’t even throw a baseball through his throat?” So he said, “That’s wrong.”

126 I just couldn’t stand and let that infidel say such things as that. I said, “I beg your pardon, sir. Did you ever read the Bible?”

He said, "Certainly."

127 "Well," I said, "then you make a statement like that? God never said it was a whale. God said it was a 'fish.'"

He said, "Well, that would be a whale."



128 I said, "If it, let it be a whale. It was a special prepared, for God prepared a fish for him." This one was special. He could make one that the whole boxcar could run into. He is God, see, so that is true. We, we don't want to believe that,

those things, or Bible stories. God prepared this fish for Jonah. He was a special fish, so he—he swallowed Jonah.



129 And now he was down in the belly of the whale. And his hands tied behind him, and his feet tied. Now you

can imagine what condition that man was in. And, anyway, the—the whale, or it was like any other fish, perhaps, it prowls through the water till it finds its food, and then it goes down to the bottom of the sea.

130 Now you feed your little goldfishes and watch him. He gets his little belly full and he goes down to the bottom of the sea, and puts his little swimmers out. And there he rests, see, 'cause he—he has found his food.



131 Well, when this fish had found the prophet, and had swallowed him, well, then he must have went down in—in the bottom of the sea. Now, I don't know that he did, but I say he—he—he might have done it. And now here is this man.



132 Now we're always, it's too bad, but we're always trying to think, and show, or Satan showing us our symptoms. "Well, you see, you, you're not any better than you was yesterday. You, see, you're no better." Don't look at symptoms.

133 If anybody could have symptoms, it would have been Jonah. See? See, everywhere he looked was the whale's belly. See? But you know what he said? "They are lying vanities." He never said, "I'm going to look at *this*." He said, "Once more will I look to Your holy temple."

134 For he knew, when Solomon prayed and dedicated that temple, said, "If Thy people be in trouble, anywhere, and look to this holy place and pray, then hear from Heaven." He had confidence in Solomon's prayer, a man, an earthly man

like you and I, he after a while even backslid, women drew him away from God. And, but, his prayer was heard by God, and he could have faith under them circumstances.

135 And how much more faith ought we to have, when we don't have to look to a temple built by a man; but to Heaven Itself, where the Son of God sits at the right hand of His Majesty, with His Own Blood, ever living to make intercessions!

136 And there is none of us has that kind of symptom like that. We see people healed in the Presence of God, all the time. We should never look to symptoms; they are lying vanities. Look to God, that's Who made the promise.

137 Now we find out that whatever taken place, however God got oxygen to

the prophet, I don't know. But he—he lived for three days and nights, according to the Bible. And I don't know how far Tarshish was, and how far it was from Nineveh, how far out in the sea they were; but Jonah stayed alive, according to the Scripture, for three days and nights. He called him.

Say, “Oh, that's impossible.”

138 How about calling Lazarus, after being dead for four days? See? And He'll call us some day, though we be dead ten thousand years. It don't make any difference, see, it'll be the same. See, He is God.

139 Now we find him now, and here he comes up to Nineveh. The whale is coming right through the water, like taxiing him. A taxi ride on the bottom of the sea,

coming right up to Nineveh, and must have been about noon.

140 Well, now, those people were fishermen. And they were out pulling in their nets, and so forth, their commercial fishermen. And they were heathens. They worshipped idols. And one of their gods...

141 Like the Indians used to have here in America, the grizzly bear was a god, Ovegus, which he was a god worshipped by heathen Indians before they were brought into Christianity. They had a god, god of power.



142 And, in Nineveh, I am told that the whale was the sea god, because he's the master of the sea. He can swallow up anything. And about noontime, here comes their god, up out of the sea; just opens up his mouth, and the prophet walks right out on the bank. No wonder they believed, see. See? They, certainly they believed, because the prophet, that was giving the message, come out of their god's mouth, "Repent or this city is going to perish." See?

143 So he wasn't out of the will of the Lord. He was doing just, as, "God makes everything work together for good to them that love God," that's right, "and were called according to His purpose." Jesus referred to him.





















