

**“Jonah - A Man Without God’s Heart”**  
**Matters of the Heart – Part 2**  
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The word of the Lord came to Jonah, the son of Amittai saying, <sup>2</sup> Arise, go to Nineveh the great city, and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me. <sup>3</sup> But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. **Jonah 1:1-3**

**I. God had Jonah’s \_\_\_\_\_**

**Distraction #1 \_\_\_\_\_**

The Lord hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship was about to break up. <sup>5</sup> Then the sailors became afraid, and every man cried to his god, and they threw the cargo which was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone below into the hold of the ship, lain down, and fallen sound asleep. **Jonah 1:4-5**

<sup>10</sup> Then the men became extremely frightened and they said to him, “How could you do this?” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them. **Jonah 1:10**

<sup>12</sup> He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea...  
<sup>13</sup> However, the men rowed desperately to return to land but the sea was becoming even stormier against them... <sup>14</sup> Then they called on the Lord...  
<sup>15</sup> So they picked up Jonah, threw him into the sea, and the sea stopped its raging. **Jonah 1:12a,13a,14a,15**

<sup>17</sup> And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights. **Jonah 1:17**

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the stomach of the fish, and he said... <sup>9</sup> I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving. That which I have vowed I will pay. Salvation is from the Lord. **Jonah 2:1a,9**

**II. God had Jonah’s \_\_\_\_\_**

**Distraction #2 \_\_\_\_\_**

Then the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah up onto the dry land. **Jonah 2:10**

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and proclaim to it the proclamation which I am going to tell you.” <sup>3</sup> So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according the word of the Lord... **Jonah 3:1-3a**

**III. God had Jonah’s \_\_\_\_\_**

**Distraction #3 \_\_\_\_\_**

Then Jonah began to go through the city one day’s walk, and he cried out and said, “Yet forty days and Nineveh will be over thrown.”... <sup>5</sup> Then the people of Nineveh believed in God; and they called a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them... <sup>10</sup> When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked way, then God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it. **Jonah 3:4,5,10**

But it greatly displeased Jonah, and he became angry... <sup>2</sup> He prayed to the Lord and said, “Please Lord, was not this what I said while I was still in my own country?... <sup>3</sup> Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for death is better to me than life. <sup>5</sup> ...Then Jonah went out from the city and sat east of it. There he made a shelter for himself and sat under it in the shade until he could see what would happen in the city. <sup>6</sup> So the Lord appointed a plant and it grew up over Jonah to be a shade over his head to deliver him from his discomfort. <sup>7</sup> But God appointed a worm when dawn came the next day, and it attacked the plant and it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun came up God appointed a scorching east wind and the sun beat down on Jonah’s head so that he became faint and begged with all his soul to die, saying, “Death is better to me than life.” <sup>9</sup> Then God said to Jonah, “Do you have good reason to be angry about the plant?” And he said, “I have good reason to be angry, even to death.” <sup>10</sup> Then the Lord said, “You had compassion on the plant for which you did not work, and which you did not cause to grow, which came up overnight and perished over night. <sup>11</sup> Should I not have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not now the difference between their right and left hand, as well as many animals?” **Jonah 4:1a,2a,3,5b-11**

**IV. God never had Jonah’s \_\_\_\_\_**

**Conclusion:**