

JONAH

"A Whale of a Tale or a Tail of a Whale"

**Lesson 2 - Here Am I . . . Send Someone Else
JONAH 1:1-3**

Introduction:

I. Jonah's Call (Jonah 1:1-2)

A. _____ "to Jonah"

What are we doing about the fact that God is speaking to us personally?

- **Heb. 3:7-8, "Today if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts"**
- **Jer. 1:5, "I knew you before you were born, I set you apart"**

The beautiful thing about life in Christ, is that He gives purpose and personhood. God calls us personally to Himself. IT IS A GREAT DAY WHEN WE REALIZE THAT!

B. _____ "go to Ninevah"

C. _____ "go to Ninevah and preach against it"

Imperative verbs – "go" & "preach"

God's calling and instructions are always imperative.

4 Men affecting our society from the grave:

- **Charles Darwin -**
- **John Dewey -**
- **Sigmund Freud -**
- **Karl Marx -**

What became of sin? Man's problem is not fundamentally biological, nor educational, nor psychological, or economical . . . man's problem is sin.

Man's fatal disease is _____ .

II. Jonah's Fall (Jonah 1:3)

A. _____ but "Jonah"

The Bible tells us that Jonah . . .

- went down to Joppa
- found a ship
- bought a ticket

That was a calculated decision!

Remember: When we go to "Tarshish" in our lives and God has called us to "Ninevah," we go without His blessing.

Why should Jonah run away?

- Fear of _____
- Afraid of being _____
- Because he was _____
- He knew that it was _____

Or maybe he knew that God was

_____ and _____.
("Elder Brother Syndrome")

Remember: Sin always _____ you further than you want to _____!

B. _____ "Jonah went down"

- He went down to Joppa
- He went down into the ship
- He went down into the sea
- He went down into the fish's belly
- He went down into the deep

_____ always
leads to more sin.

**Simple lesson: No one ever _____
while living in rebellion to God!**

**Remember: Sin always _____ you
longer than you want to _____!**

C. _____ "Jonah paid the fare"

**We pay our own way when we flee from
the Lord!**

**Gal. 6:7, "Do not be deceived; God cannot
be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."**

The most expensive thing a person does is to

_____.

**Remember: Sin always _____ you more
than you want to _____.**

**Next lesson: "Lessons on Leaving the Lord"
(JONAH 1:3-10)**