



GOOD THINGS, LITTLE PACKAGES



One For Wilmington The Appearing Community Day

Thank You
For Praying!





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Jonah 2



Tarshish

Nineveh

2500 miles

550 miles

Joppa



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Isaiah 53:6

*We all, like sheep, have gone
astray, each of us has turned to
our own way...*



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Running from God is Dangerous!



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God Pursues Runners!



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¹ From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. ² He said: “In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry.



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³ You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. ⁴ I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.'



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⁵ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. ⁶ To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit.



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Jonah 2

- 7 *“When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.*
- 8 *“Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them.*



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Jonah 2

9 But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the Lord.'" *10 And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.*





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Revelation 3:17-18

You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.



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6 Truths About The Power of Desperate Prayer



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1) God Responds to Desperate Prayers



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Jonah 2:1-2

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Psalm 51:17

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.



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2) Desperate Prayer Closes the Distance with God.



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Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



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3) Desperate Prayer Transfers Control to God



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Jonah 2:3, 5-6

³ You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me.



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Jonah 2:5-6

⁵ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. ⁶ To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever.



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1 Peter 5: 6-7

*Humble yourselves, therefore,
under God's mighty hand, that
he may lift you up in due
time. Cast all your anxiety on
him because he cares for you.*



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4) Desperate Prayer Reorients our Worship



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Jonah 2:8

*Those who cling to
worthless idols turn away
from God's love for them.*



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5) Desperate Prayer Leads to Obedience



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Jonah 2:9b

*What I have vowed I will
make good.*



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6) Desperate Prayer Brings Deliverance



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Jonah 2:6b

*But you, Lord my God, brought my life up
from the pit.*

Jonah 2:9b-10

*Salvation comes from the Lord. And
the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited
Jonah onto dry land.*



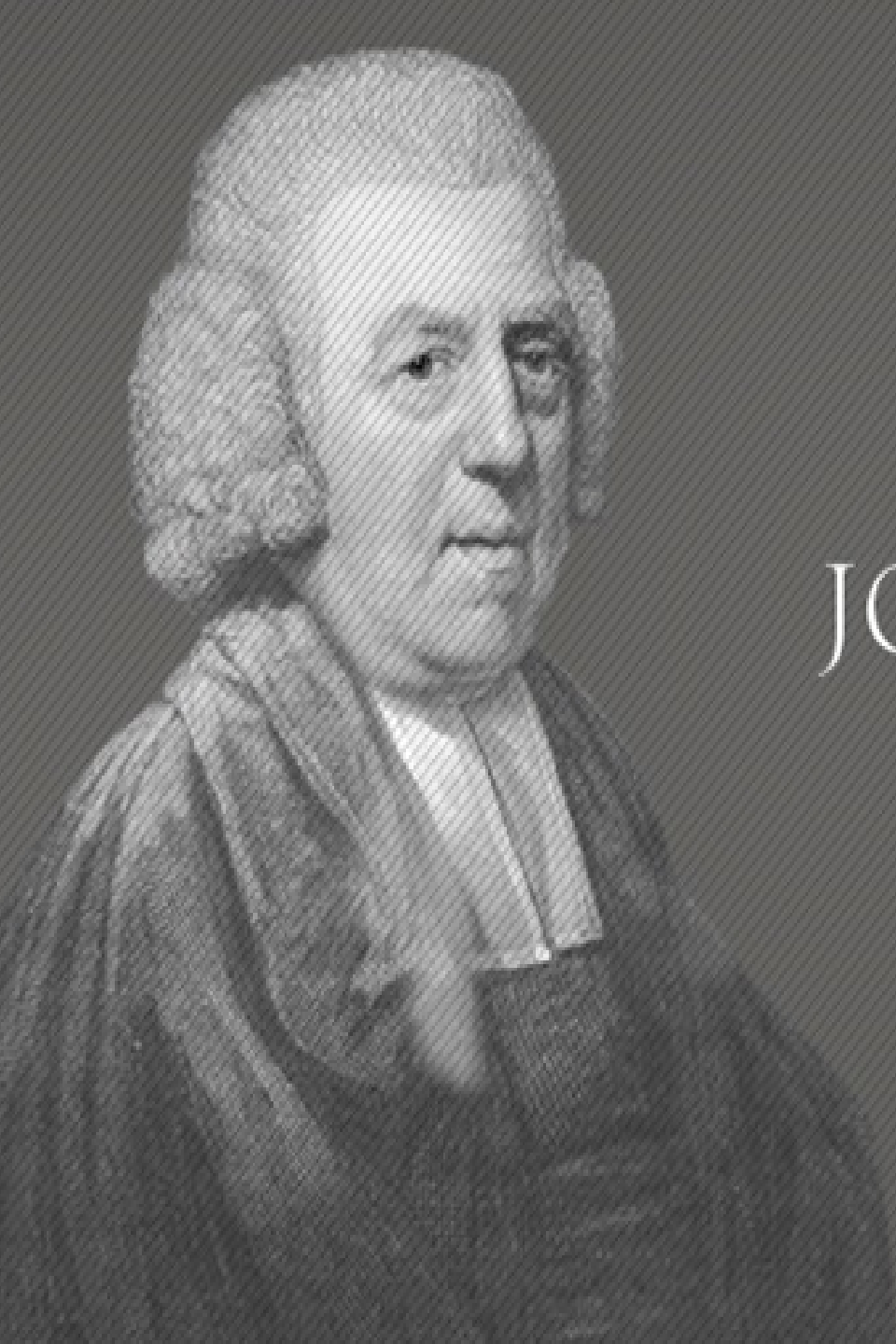
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POWER OF DESPERATE PRAYER

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- 2) Closes the Distance with God
- 3) Transfers Control to God
- 4) Reorients our Worship
- 5) Leads to Obedience
- 6) Brings Deliverance



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