

THE FIRST COMMISION OF JONAH:
"I Won't Go!"
(Chapter 1)

I. INTRODUCTION

A. The BACKGROUND of this book

1. The AUTHOR
2. The DATE and SETTING
3. The CITY

II. Jonah DISOBEYS the Lord

A. Jonah attempts to flee from God (1:1-3)

1. Jonah had made a decision to _____, volitionally _____ God.
2. Evidently the Lord had set a _____ for His judgment to fall on the great city of Nineveh.

* Have you ever acted like a Jonah?

* Why would Jonah refuse the call of God?

B. Jonah's lack of compassion (1:4-6)

1. In this life or death situation it appeared that Jonah had _____ for his fellow shipmates, he was not lending a hand to their efforts to save _____ nor their very own _____.

2. Jonah's actions displayed the very depths that willful _____ will go, by the total _____ for the lives of the other men on the ship.
3. How _____ to have God's prophet be _____ by a heathen Gentile.

C. Jonah's failure to fear his God (1:7-10)

1. Jonah apathetically took part in the casting of lots, and he apparently _____ if the lot fell on him or not.
2. Jonah _____ offered his credentials, and _____ himself as a "Hebrew" which was the title that the Israelites often used among foreigners (e.g. Gen. 39:14, 17; 40:15).

D. The sailors' compassion and fear of Jonah's God (1:11-16)

1. The experienced Mediterranean sailors were thrown into a _____ because they didn't need any more visible _____ at the power of Jonah's God.
2. The sailors were _____ to throw Jonah overboard, perhaps they didn't want to take part in _____, or maybe they did not want to _____ his God even more.

III. The Lord Shows MERCY to His Prophet

A. Jonah's deliverance by God

1. The words " _____ " (*manah* -Hebrew) mean to _____, to _____, or to order.
2. The great fish had been prepared, and it was probably _____ in anticipation of Jonah's _____ in the deep.

* How does this apply to you?