

JONAH'S PRAYER FROM INSIDE THE GREAT FISH:
"I Will Go."
(Chapter 2)

I. INTRODUCTION

II. Jonah DISOBEYS the Lord

III. The Lord Shows MERCY to His Prophet

A. Jonah's deliverance by God

1. This "great fish" may have been either a _____ or a _____ or even a fish _____ prepared by the Lord for this unique occasion.
2. The phrase "three days and three nights" in ancient Hebrew usage was an idiomatic _____ meaning simply "three days," and this could refer to _____ days, and not necessarily _____ hours.
3. Certainly the Scriptures seem to indicate that this _____ was a _____ by God, Jonah 1:10 states "the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah..."

IV. Jonah PRAYS to the Lord

A. God hears his prayer in the great fish (2:1-2)

1. Now that Jonah is a _____ in God's fish, he is now in a _____ (physically and spiritually) to pray.
2. This is the _____ of prayer, that our God can _____ millions of prayers at the same time, at any given moment in the day or at night, and from any _____ (even a fish's belly).

B. Jonah accepts God's discipline (2:3)

1. "For _____ cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas and the floods surrounded me..."
2. "All _____ billows and _____ waves passed over me."

C. Jonah trusts the promises of God (2:4-7)

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1. For the Jew, the _____ was the _____ manifestation of God's _____ in Israel, and among the Hebrews as the covenant God.
 2. Jonah _____ what a faithful God He was, and he knew that He would not utterly _____ him even in his carnality.

D. God accepts his confession (2:8-9)

1. *"But I will _____ to You with the voice of _____ ..."*
2. *I will _____ what I have vowed.*
3. _____ *is of the Lord."*

V. The Lord DELIVERS His Prophet

A. God is sovereign over His creation (1:4, 11, 13, 15, 17; 2:10)

B. God restores Jonah's ministry (2:10)

* How does this apply to you?