



“The Prayer of Terror”

Jonah 1:4-16 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction –*Jonah decides to run away from God. But in the process puts himself and others in grave danger.*

I. The Religion of the Sailors.

- A. When the storm came “every man cried to his god.”
- B. Everyone worships something and has a deep spiritual longing.
- C. According to Romans 1 our worship and religion is distorted in our natural state.
- D. In extreme conditions the sailors got religious. They cry out to their gods.
- E. All religions apart from Jesus are religions of fear.

F. The “prayer of terror” reflects our tendency to bargain with God.

G. It is because of fear that all religions apart from Christ are works-based religions.

H. The sailor’s worldview kept them working to save themselves.

I. But to be saved, they must trust God’s substitute for them.

II. The Repentance of Jonah.

A. Jonah doesn’t bargain with God.

B. Jonah admits his sin, repents and surrenders his life to God.

C. Jonah’s trust is in YHWH.

D. The sailors must trust YHWH and His substitute to be saved.

Conclusion.