

"A Whale of a Time" Jonah 1:10-2:4 ◆ Pastor Jim Lennon November 5, 2023

Introduction – *The sailors and Jonah are faced with a life and death decision.*

I. The Consequences of Sin.

- A. Jonah begins to realize several things he got wrong.
 - 1. You can't run from God.
 - 2. God is in control.
 - 3. God isn't judging the Gentiles for their sins.
- B. Jonah admits his sin and that he deserves to suffer the consequences.

- C. Jonah and the sailors were faced with a choice.
- D. Both Jonah and the sailors knew that Jonah would drown if they threw him overboard.

II. The Provision of God.

- A. God appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah.
- B. Can this be true? Is it just a story, a legend, or a literary metaphor?
- C. We do know that it is possible.

III. The Experience of Grace.

- A. Jonah deserved to die for his sin, but by God's grace, God saved him.
- B. How being swallowed by a whale taught Jonah about God's grace.

C. Have you experienced God's grace?

Conclusion.