

**SCRIPTURE
TEXT:
JONAH
1:1-4:11**

“Now the word of THE LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ‘Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before ME.’ ”

Jonah 1:1-2

“But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of THE LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of THE LORD.”

Jonah 1:3

“But THE LORD sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up.”

Jonah 1:4

“And he said to them,

‘Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest is because of me.’ ”

Jonah 1:12

“So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.

Then the men feared THE LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to THE LORD and took vows.”

Jonah 1:15-16

“Now THE LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah.

And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.”

Jonah 1:17

“Then Jonah prayed to THE LORD his GOD from the fish’s belly. And he said: ‘I cried out to the Lord because of my affliction, And He answered me.’”

Jonah 2:1-2a

“But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the Lord.” So the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry *land*.”

Jonah 2:9-10

“Then GOD saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and GOD relented from the disaster that HE had said HE would bring upon them, and HE did not do it.”

Jonah 3:10

“But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. So he prayed to THE LORD, and said, “Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country?”

Jonah 4:1-2a

“Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that YOU *are* a gracious and merciful GOD, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, ONE who relents from doing harm.”

Jonah 4:2b

“But THE LORD said, ‘You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night.’”

Jonah 4:10

“And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left—and much livestock?”

Jonah 4:11

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TITLE:

**“IT’S GOD’S
PREROGATIVE!”**

KEY LOCATIONS:

[#1-2] => EDEN & UR

[#3-4] => JERICHO & **NINEVEH**

[#5-6] => MTS. MORIAH & NEBO

[#7-8] => BETHLEHM & NAZARETH

[#9-10] => GOLGOTHA & CALVARY

[#11-12] => ROME & CORINTH

[#13-14] => ANTIOCH & PATMOS

**SERMONIC
POINTS:**

[#1] => **RUN**

[#2] => **RANT**

[#3] => **RELENT**

SERMONIC PNT. #1:**RUN**

“WE CAN RUN, BUT
WE CANNOT HIDE
FROM GOD!”

“But Jonah arose to *flee* to Tarshish from the presence of THE LORD. He *went down* to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and *went down* into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of THE LORD.”

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“But THE LORD sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up.”

Jonah 1:4

SERMONIC PNT. #2:**RANT**

“BE MINDFUL OF YOUR REACTION (RANTING & RAVING) AT GOD’S PLAN!”

“But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. So he prayed to THE LORD, and said, “Ah, LORD, *was this NOT what I said* when I was still in my country?”

Jonah 4:1-2a

SERMONIC PNT. #3:**RELENT**

“GOD CAN HAVE MERCY UPON WHOMEVER GOD WANTS!”

“Then GOD saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and GOD **relented** from the disaster that HE had said HE would bring upon them, and HE did not do it.”

Jonah 3:10

“Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that YOU *are* a gracious and merciful GOD, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, ONE who **relents** from doing harm.”

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“And should I not **pity** Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left—and much livestock?”

Jonah 4:11