

GOD GRACIOUSLY CALLS

(02/21/16; Jonah 1:1-16; Steve Thiel; Christ Proclamation Church)

Sermon Theme – God has always had a heart for the nations. Therefore, He graciously sends a prophet, who is sacrificed as a substitute to deliver sinners from destruction, to proclaim salvation from judgment to all who repent and believe.

I. God Commissions His Prophet – (1:1-3)

A. Jonah Called by God – (vv.1-2)

1. Who is Jonah?
2. Why Nineveh?

B. Jonah Flees from God – (v.3)

II. God Pursues His Prophet – (1:4-6)

A. God Sends a Mighty Storm – (vv.4-5)

B. God Sends a Pagan Captain – (v.6)

III. God Receives His Prophet – (1:7-16)

A. Jonah Identified as the Cause – (vv.7-10)

B. Jonah Confirmed as the Solution – (vv.11-13)

C. Jonah Sacrificed as a Substitute – (vv.14-16)

THE BOOK OF JONAH

(Summary of Jonah; Steve Thiel; Christ Proclamation Church)

Theme of the Book of Jonah – God has always had a heart for the nations. Therefore, He extends compassion by sending a prophet, who is sacrificed as a substitute to deliver sinners from destruction and is sent to proclaim salvation from judgment to all who repent and believe.

I. The God Who Graciously Calls – (1:1-16)

A. God Commissions His Prophet (1:1-3)

1. Jonah Called by God (1:1-2)
2. Jonah Flees from God (1:3)

B. God Pursues His Prophet (1:4-6)

1. God Sends a Mighty Tempest (1:4-5)
2. God Sends a Pagan Captain (1:6)

C. God Receives His Prophet as a Sacrifice (1:7-16)

1. Jonah Identified as the Cause (1:7-10)
2. Jonah Confirmed as the Solution (1:11-13)
3. Jonah Sacrificed as a Substitute (1:14-16)

II. The God Who Graciously Delivers – (1:17-2:10)

A. God Sends a Great Fish to Swallow Jonah (1:17)

1. God Provides a Great Fish (1:17a)
2. God Provides a Great Sign (1:17b)

B. Jonah Prays to God (2:1-9)

1. Declaration of His Burial (2:1-3)
2. Declaration of His Death (2:4-6a)
3. Declaration of His Resurrection (2:6b-8)
4. Declaration of His Salvation (2:9)

C. God Sends a Great Fish to Spit Out Jonah (2:10)

III. The God Who Graciously Forgives – (3:1-10)

A. God Commissions His Prophet Again (3:1-4)

1. Jonah Called by God (3:1-2)
2. Jonah Calls Nineveh to Repent (3:2-4)

B. The People of Nineveh Repent (3:5-9)

1. The People Repent (3:5)
2. The King Repents (3:6-8)
3. The People Depend on God's Grace (3:9)

C. God Withholds Judgment on Nineveh (3:10)

IV. The God Who Graciously Instructs – (4:1-11)

A. Jonah Exceedingly Displeased with God (4:1-5)

B. God Graciously Instructs Jonah (4:6-8)

1. God Appoints a Plant (4:6)
2. God Appoints a Worm (4:7)
3. God Appoints an East Wind (4:8)

C. God Graciously Reasons with Jonah (4:9-11)