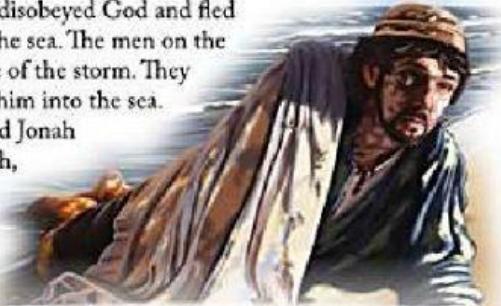


God instructed Jonah to go to Nineveh, but Jonah disobeyed God and fled to Tarshish by ship. God sent a raging storm over the sea. The men on the ship recognized that Jonah's presence was the cause of the storm. They asked Jonah what to do. Jonah told them to throw him into the sea. When they did, the storm stopped immediately, and Jonah was swallowed by a large fish. In the belly of the fish, Jonah prayed to the Lord. Jonah repented and offered a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God.



Answer the following questions:

1. While Jonah was inside the fish, he prayed to God. Using Jonah 2:2 as a reference, in what two ways does God respond to your prayers?

2. Read Jonah 2:7. What should you do when things are going wrong?

3. Is this the only time that you should come before God with prayer or thanksgiving? Why or why not?

4. In Jonah 2:9, Jonah offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God. He does this while he is still inside the belly of the great fish. Why does this seem odd?

5. Why is it sometimes easy to offer prayers of thanksgiving to God during good times, but it is hard to do the same during times of trial?

Complete the sentence by writing the many reasons why you can be thankful to God.

I am thankful to the Lord for ...

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