

Sermon Outline

CONFIDENCE INSTEAD OF REPENTANCE | Nick O'Neil

Bible reading: Jonah 1:17-2:10 (Page 1323)

1. Man Overboard!

2. God rescues Jonah with a Fish (1:17)

- a. The unexpected rescue
- b. What comes next?

Q: What do you expect Jonah to do now?

- c. The problem with evaluating other people's prayers

3. Jonah's response:

- a. I called and you answered (verse 2)
 - i. What does Jonah say?
 - ii. Issue: Who is responsible for Jonah's rescue? (Psalm 116; Psalm 18)
 - iii. Approaching a Magic Genie or a Merciful Father?
- b. You banished me but I prayed in hope (verses 3-7)
 - i. What does Jonah say?
 - ii. Issue: Who's responsible for Jonah's predicament? (Psalm 51)
 - iii. Our need for confession
- c. Idolaters forsake their steadfast love but I will be faithful (verses 8-9)
 - i. What does Jonah say?
 - ii. Issue: where does faithfulness come from? It flows from mercy
 - iii. God wants us to ask him for help to be faithful, not to promise self-sufficient faithfulness. (Jude 24-25)
- d. Salvation comes from the Lord (verse 9b-10)
 - i. Ephesians 2:4-5
 - ii. "Prayer is the chief exercise of faith" – Jean Calvin