



A Whale of Thanksgiving

Jonah 2

2 Chronicles 5: 13-14

“the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: “For He is good, For His mercy endures forever,” that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud,

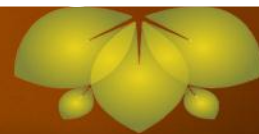
so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.”

I. Jonah Was in a Dangerous Place

A. How Jonah got himself into trouble.

B. Often thanksgiving follows great trials or great hurts.

C. We live dangerous lives today.



2 Timothy 3:2-5

...in the last days...men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power.

D. We are to be thankful every day.

Col. 1:12, ...giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

¹³He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

¹⁴in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.



II. Jonah Was a Man Who Prayed a Desperate Prayer

- A. *“I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction...” (V.2)*
- B. Jonah cried out because he knew he was in trouble.
- C. We’ve all been in trouble at some time.
- We all were lost in our sin (Rom. 3:23).

Romans 2:1, 11-12, 16

¹You are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are

¹¹For there is no partiality with God.

¹²For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law...

¹⁶in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

A large, bright orange pumpkin sits on a light-colored, textured surface, possibly a tablecloth. The background is dark with scattered autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow. A small cluster of green grapes is visible near the bottom right of the pumpkin. The overall scene is lit with a warm, golden light, creating a cozy autumn atmosphere.

**As a result, we deserve death
(Rom. 6:23) *the wages of sin is death!***

God in love met us in our sins (John 3:16).

Christ died to pay for our sins (Rom. 5: 8).

Salvation is available to us by faith (Rom. 10:9-10).

Colossians 1:3-5

We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;

⁵because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel.

D. We all ought to be thankful

(Ps. 103:1 & 3-5).

Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His Holy Name!

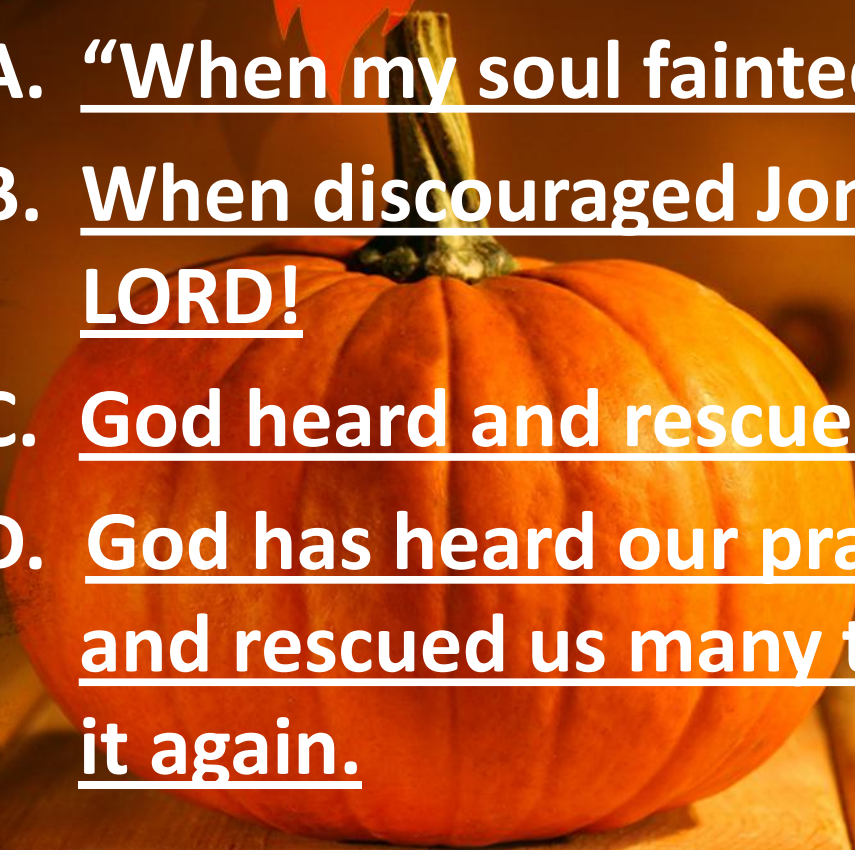
Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, ⁴ Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, ⁵ Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

E. Some of us have been desperate over other problems.

F. We've prayed and God has delivered us.

III. Jonah Had Nearly Given Up.

- A. “When my soul fainted within me...” (V. 7)
- B. When discouraged Jonah called on the LORD!
- C. God heard and rescued him. 🍃
- D. God has heard our prayers of desperation. and rescued us many times – and He will do it again.



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