

WHEN JONAH SWALLOWED A WHALE—3

“A ‘Whale’ At the Bottom of the Ship”

Jonah 1:4-16

Introduction: _____

I. FIRST, NOTICE THE ‘WHALE’ HE SWALLOWED FOR HIS DISOBEDIENCE (Jonah 1:4-6).

Just think of all Jonah lost when he “swallowed the whale” of DISOBEDIENCE:

- A. First, he lost the *voice* of God (1:4).
- B. Secondly, he lost his *spiritual* energy (1:5b).
- C. Thirdly, he lost his *power* in prayer (1:6).

II. SECONDLY, NOTE THE ‘WHALE’ HE SWALLOWED WHEN DISCOVERED (Jonah 1:7-10).

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER THE ‘WHALE’ HE SWALLOWED WHEN HE WAS DUMPED OR DISCARDED INTO THE SEA (Jonah 1:11-16).

CONCLUSION: Take a look at two wonderful truths that emerge from these verses:

1. First, the extended grace of God is _____ in that even when Jonah was disobedient, God used his words for His glory.
2. Secondly, the extensive grace of God is _____ in that although Jonah is discarded and dumped by these sailors, he is not discarded or dumped by the Lord.

Our sins eventually will come to light and are DISCOVERED.

Note some ways in which our sins are exposed:

1. First, our sins find us out in our _____.
2. Secondly, our sins find us out in our _____.
3. Thirdly, our sins find us out in our _____.
4. Fourthly, our sins find us out in our _____.
5. Fifthly, our sin will find us out in _____.

LOOK AT FOUR CONSEQUENCES OF A DISOBEDIENT CHILD OF GOD ILLUSTRATED IN THE LIFE OF JONAH:

1. God loves you too much to let you remain _____ (Jonah 1:4).
2. A believer’s disobedience always involves _____ (Jonah 1:5a).
3. Disobedience leaves us _____ during the storms of life (Jonah 1:5b-6).
4. You cannot live a disobedient life and not _____ it (Jonah 1:7-10).