

## **“The Embracing of God’s Gracious Mercy” 10/27/19**

### **Jonah 1:17-2:10**

*“For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.” (Rom 15:4)*

*“Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.” (1 Cor 10:11)*

A.J. Wilson, “Sign of the Prophet Jonah and its Modern Confirmations,” *Princeton Theological Review*, October 1927, 630-42.

#### **LESSON 1-** To embrace God’s Mercy we need to have humble RECOGNITION

- A. To embrace God’s mercy we need to recognize God’s SOVEREIGNTY (God’s response to sin; 1 Cor 6:20; Ezek 18:4; Luke 6:46; Heb 12:3-11)
- B. To embrace God’s mercy we need to recognize our RESPONSIBILITY (“My affliction”; Galatians 6:7; Job 4:8; Romans 2:6-10; Heb 10:31)
- C. To embrace God’s mercy we need to recognize our DEPENDENCE (John 15:5; Psalm 39:5, 11; 62:9; James 4:14; good model for prayer)
  - 1) Honesty- “you brought me down”
  - 2) Recognized his need- “behind me forever”
  - 3) Gratitude- “voice of thanksgiving”
  - 4) Repentance/Action- “I will pay my vows”
- D. To embrace God’s mercy we need to recognize our BLESSING (John 1:12; Ephesians 1:3; 2 Peter 1:3-4; 2 Cor 7:1; Psalm 136)

*“Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that could defile the body and the spirit, and thus accomplish holiness out of reverence for God.” 2 Corinthians 7:1*

**Discipleship** *A disciple will demonstrate our desperate need for mercy each day!*  
**Moment**

#### **LESSON 2-** To embrace God’s Mercy we need to have humble REPENTANCE

- A. To embrace God’s mercy, our repentance brings DELIVERANCE (Jam 4:6; Ps 34:7, 136:1-26; “from dry land to dry land”; Deut 23:21-23)

*“He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.” Psalm 145:19 “For His mercy endures forever.” Psalm 136:1*

**Discipleship** *A disciple will be demonstrate humility before God and others!*  
**Moment**

*Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples*