

# *God's Universal Purpose*

## Lessons from the Book of Jonah:

*"This is the purpose that is purposed concerning the whole earth." Isaiah 14:26*

## *God's Plan is Universal*

*"Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah saying,  
'Arise, go to Nineveh.'" Jonah 1:1-2*

*"Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying,  
'Arise, go to Nineveh.'" Jonah 3:1-2*

## *God's Presence is Universal*

*"But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord."  
Jonah 1:3 (See also Verse 10)*

## *God's Pity is Universal*

*"The Lord said, 'You pity the plant...should not I pity Nineveh?'"  
Jonah 4:10-11*

## Conclusion:

*"O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and  
of the farthest seas." Psalm 65:5*

*"Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on  
earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all  
nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have  
commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of  
the age.'" Matthew 28:18-20*

## Jonah Memorable Verses

### God's Sovereignty

*"The LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah...the LORD  
spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land." 1:17/2:10*

*"The LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah,  
that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his  
discomfort...God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it  
withered...God appointed a scorching east wind..." 4:6-8*

*"The LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea..." 1:4*

### Attempting to Flee From God's Presence

*"But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He  
went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the  
fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the  
presence of the LORD." 1:3*

*"Men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD." 1:10*

*"That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a  
gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast  
love, and relenting from disaster." 4:2*

### "Godliness" of "Pagans" Rather Than God's Servant

*"So the captain came and said to him, 'What do you mean, you sleeper?  
Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us,  
that we may not perish.'" 1:6*

*"What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?' For the  
sea grew more and more tempestuous. He said to them, 'Pick me up and  
hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you...'  
Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could  
not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against  
them. Therefore they called out to the LORD...So they picked up Jonah  
and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the  
men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the  
LORD and made vows.' 1:11-16*

*"The people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on  
sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them." 3:5*