

## Sunday, May 17, 2015 Session 1 Bible Study:

### “Jonah – The Prodigal Prophet” – Jonah 1:1

Many have made light of the book of Jonah as something of a legend, or unbelievable.

Reading: [Jonah 1:1-7](#)

Now, Read [Jonah 1:1-6](#) from the German Translation.

What can we learn from this book of Jonah?

- First, we learn that God is persistent. You can run, or in this case, attempt to sail, away from Him, but you cannot hide, but when He has something in mind for you, God will *not let up*. God is persistent.
- God is responsive – when the sailors were praying for deliverance from the storm, God listened. When the reluctant Jonah finally gets to Nineveh to proclaim His Word, the people listened and changed their minds.
- God’s Grace is universal. His power and mercy are not reserved for Israel only, extending to the gentiles as well. As is often the case in scripture, the outsider can become the insider; those expected to be outsiders respond and come in from outer darkness.

Note now the [Brief Outline of Jonah](#), where today we emphasize the “The Prodigal Prophet”.

Now let’s look at the [Book of Jonah as a Study](#).

#### Jonah Conclusions:

In the coming study, there will be information presented from each chapter as follows:

Principles from each of the 4 chapters:

Chapter I – 10 points

Chapter III – 5 points

Chapter II – 8 points

Chapter IV – 12 points

These will be presented at the beginning and end of each chapter.

Now, we conclude with a brief [Summary of the Book of Jonah](#).