

JONAH – SUMMARY

1. This book shows us how God uses human instrumentality. When Jonah was disobedient or obedient, God still had a plan for his life.
2. The very name Jonah signifies *DOVE*, a proper name for a prophet of God. Jonah's father's name was Amittai, which means "*MY TRUTH*". Jonah, though a man with an old sinful nature, had been acquainted with the substance of God's Word. He was a *dove*, who learned, and at times applied Truth!
3. God chose to include the book of Jonah in the completed canon of scripture, and it reveals very vividly what Jonah was really like when his old sinful nature was in charge.
4. The mature believers were used by our Heavenly Father, but they were not depicted as men who were sinless. They were not perfect!
 - God used Moses – not Perfect
 - God used Isaiah – not Perfect
 - God used David – not Perfect
 - God used Elijah – not Perfect
 - God used Jonah – not Perfect
5. Though Jonah made some foolish decisions at times, he also made some outstanding decisions, when in harmony with God's plan for his life. What is so unique about this book is that the Spirit of God called upon Jonah to reveal a lot about himself, which is private and personal; things which he did not call upon every man of God to reveal.
6. Jonah is a Hero of Grace. We see the compassion of God for man, and not the human efforts of man for God.
7. Jonah is saying, by what he *did not say*... "*ANY OL' BUSH WILL DO.*" God accomplishes His goal, though at times, He has to shake his servants along the way.