

Lessons From Jonah Hidden in Plain Sight

(Jonah 1-4)

- Introduction:
1. Today, marks the 170th anniversary of Herman Melville's classic novel, "Moby Dick."
 2. So how could we not talk about the book of Jonah this evening?
 3. Well, that isn't really the reason; the reason is that there are some great lessons for us to learn from this Old Testament prophet.
 4. Join me as we examine a few of those lessons.

I. Jonah's Problem

- A. (Jonah 1:3,12; 4:2-3).
- B. Notice how Jonah drug others into his problem.
- C. Also, notice how Jonah was begrudging of God's grace.

II. God's Providence

- A. (Jonah 1:17; 4:6,7,8)
- B. (Matthew 12:38-40).
- C. (Romans 8:28).

III. God's Patience

- A. (Jonah 3:1).
- B. (Jonah 3:10).

IV. God's Perspective

- A. (Jonah 4:4,11).
- B. God wants all men to be saved.

- Conclusion:
1. When reading this book, don't get so caught up in this great fish, that you miss the great God revealed in this book.
 2. This same God who forgave the Assyrians, is still willing to forgive you.