

BEYOND THE GLORY
Seeing the Heart of God

ARE YOU RUNNING FROM GOD?

Jonah 1:1-17 Jeff Schreve

But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. Jonah 1:3

What can you and I learn about Jonah running from God?

1. When you are running from God, your heart is revealed.

A. It shows you are mistaken about God.

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

B. It shows you are not trusting God.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

2. When you are running from God, bad things happen.

A. It hurts you.

1. You have to pay.

*So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, **paid the fare**, and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.*

Jonah 1:3

2. You go down.

B. It hurts others.

C. It hurts your testimony.

Then the men became extremely frightened and they said to him, "How could you do this?" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

Jonah 1:10

3. When you are running from God, you can't succeed.

A. God is everywhere.

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. Psalm 139:7-8

B. God loves you too much to leave you alone.

And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads." Acts 26:14

God is waiting for you to stop running.