SALVATION IS FROM THE LORD

JONAH 2

¹Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the stomach of the fish, ² and he said, "I called out of my distress to the Lord, And He answered me. I called for help from the depth of Sheol; You heard my voice. ³ For You threw me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas, And the current flowed around me. All Your breakers and waves passed over me.

⁴ So I said, 'I have been cast out of Your sight. Nevertheless I will look again toward Your holy temple.' ⁵ Water encompassed me to the point of death. The deep flowed around me, Seaweed was wrapped around my head. ⁶ I descended to the base of the mountains. The earth with its bars was around me forever, But You have brought up my life from the pit, Lord my God.

I. GOD MIRACULOUSLY PRESERVED JONAH'S LIFE

(Jonah 1:17-2:6)

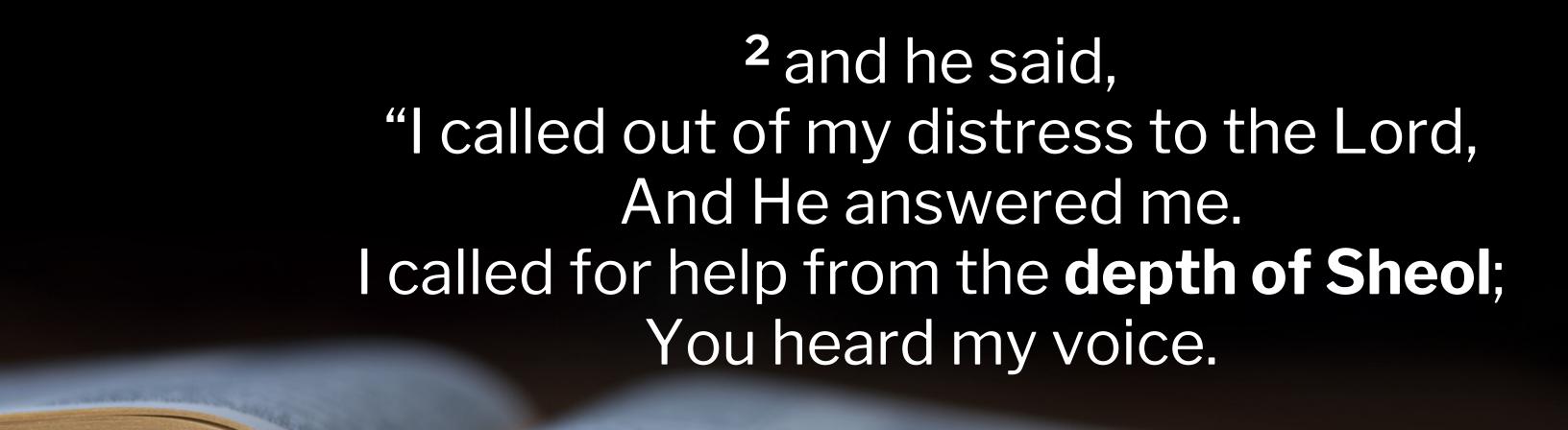
A. Jonah's Enclosed Space (Jonah 1:17)

"And the LORD designated a great fish to swallow Jonah."

B. Jonah's Cry (Jonah 2:1-2)

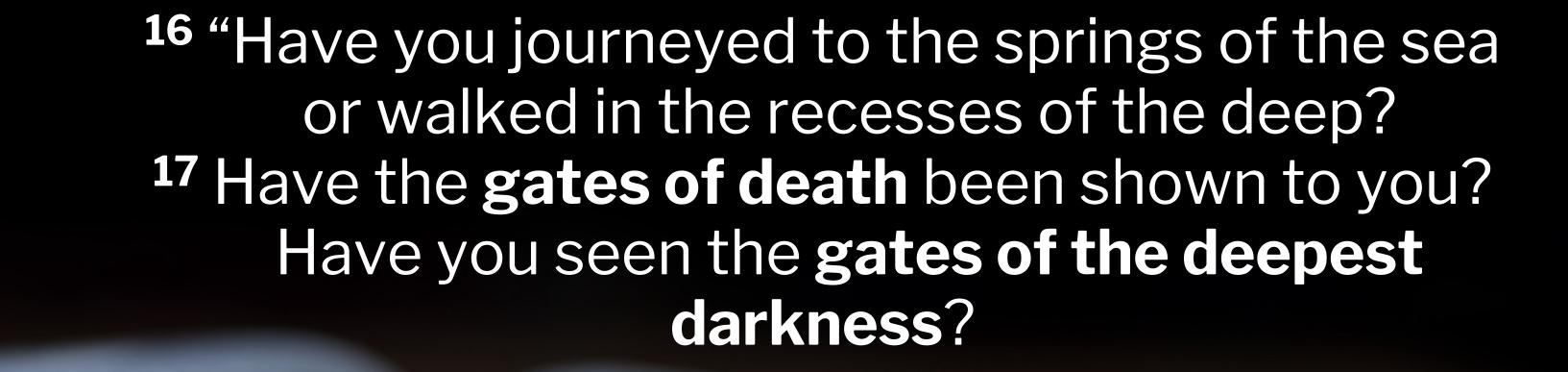
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Jonah 2:2 (NASB)

C. God is Sovereign Despite Jonah's Disobedience (vv3-6)



Job 38: 16-17 (NIV)

10 I said, "In the prime of my life must I go through the gates of death and be robbed of the rest of my years?"



v3: "the heart of the seas"

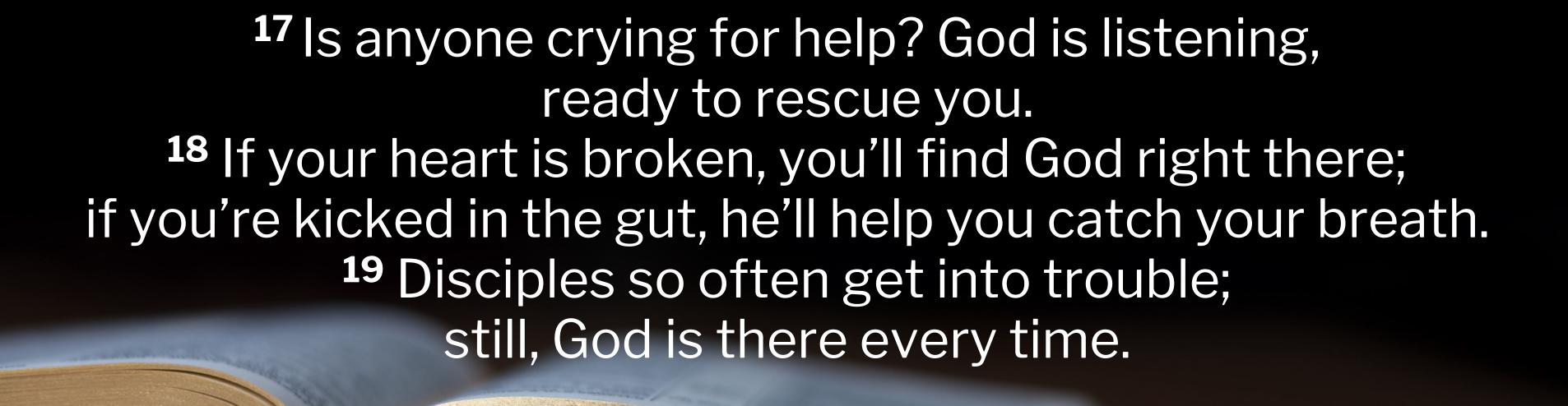
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vv5-6: "seaweed wrapped around my head"



Ps 34: 17-19 (MSG)

⁷ While I was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, And my prayer came to You, Into Your holy temple. 8 Those who are followers of worthless idols Abandon their faithfulness, ⁹ But I will sacrifice to You With a voice of thanksgiving. That which I have vowed I will pay. Salvation is from the Lord." ¹⁰ Then the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah up onto the dry land.

Jonah 2: 7-10

II. JONAH REPENTS AND GOD RESTORES



Acknowledging God's Sovereign hand at work



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19 Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

Acts 3:19



¹⁴ and My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chr 7:14



B. Jonah's Restoration (Jonah 2:10)



¹⁰ And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Jonah 2:10

"No matter how far we may have strayed, God continually extends His hands of restoration and reconciliation towards us."

APPLICATION

1. God's Exclusive Role in Salvation:

- Stay humble and acknowledge our limitations and vulnerability.
- Surrender pride and ego, accepting God's grace and mercy for salvation.
- Learn to rely on God in our daily lives

2. Hope In Desperate Times:

- Trust that God can intervene and provide a way out when life presents overwhelming challenges,.
- Find strength and resilience
- Persevere