

## ***Jonah and the Fish***

### **Jonah 1:17-2:10**

#### Main Point:

When you are afflicted by God, know that He has loving purposes for doing so and respond accordingly.

1. God afflicts His people.
2. God afflicts His people to bring us back to Him.
3. God afflicts His people to bring us back to His Word.
4. God afflicts His people to bring us back to obedience.
5. God afflicts His people out of love because of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Cross-References and Quotations**

**Richard Phillips** “Sometimes the very best thing that can happen to us is the very thing we most dread, for the simple reason that it strips away our self-reliance, humbles our pride, and removes from us every other hope save that of God. Sometimes this is what it takes for us really to pray.”

**Richard Phillips** “Christians who make it their practice to stroll frequently through the garden of the psalms, who make a practice of singing the psalms and committing them to memory, will be well repaid in their hours of darkness, doubt, and despair with words fitted just for their troubled situation, words designed to take their faltering faith by the hand and lead it once again to the Lord.”

**Sinclair Ferguson** “Jonah needed to feel the grace of God towards himself before he would be a suitable minister of that grace to the people of Nineveh.”

**Matthew 12:38-40** <sup>38</sup> Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."  
<sup>39</sup> But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. <sup>40</sup> "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (NKJV)