

Rehoboth Reformed Church

Thoroughly Equipped Radio Program Outline July 7, 2013

Title: How Real is Your Respect of the Lord? (Jonah 1:10-16)

Main Point. According to the book of Proverbs, <u>the fear of the Lord</u> is the beginning of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom (1:7; 2:5; 9:10). It leads to life and delivers from harm (19:23). It can be thought of as being synonymous with faith. It responds to God in a way that is appropriate to who God is and has revealed Himself (the sovereign Lord, Creator, and Provider of all things, the Redeemer of the lost and the Judge of all the earth). Who really respects (fears) the Lord in this account? How about you? How real is your respect (fear) of the Lord?

I. The sailor's great fear of the Lord contrasted with Jonah's profession (v. 9-10; v.16)

II. The sailor's great desire to know the will of the Lord and to do it (v. 11-12)

III. The sailors show compassion on the rebellious prophet (v. 13).

IV. The sailors pray to the Lord and obey the prophet's word (v. 13-15).

Conclusion: Jonah had to learn the hard way what he already knew by way of Scripture. God desires to show mercy to those who don't deserve it. He also desires that we live what we profess to believe.

Preparations for next Sunday's program: We will continue to study one of the most fascinating books of the Bible that record God's dealing with a rebellious prophet and how He showed His mercy to many who didn't deserve it. Please read Jonah chapter 2 and consider how influential the Word of God was in Jonah's prayer in the belly of the great fish.

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