



great
PRAYERS

• *OF THE BIBLE* •

“prepared” or “appointed”

→ providentially arranged

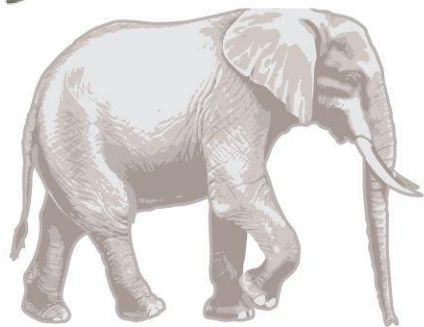
In the unfolding story of Jonah, God providentially prepares ... a storm, a fish, a gourd/plant, a worm, and a wind.

***Jonah's Prayer of
Thanksgiving***

Jonah 2:1-9

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sperm whale
(*Physeter macrocephalus*)
length up to 24 m (79 ft)



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God prepared the fish to be Jonah's ...

A. Protection

B. Transportation

C. Sanctuary

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Psalm 42:7

“Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.”

Psalm 31:22

**“For I said in my haste, I am cut off from
before thine eyes: nevertheless thou
heardest the voice of my supplications
when I cried unto thee.”**

Psalm 69:1

**“Save me, O God; for the waters are
come in unto my soul.”**

Psalm 18:6

**“In my distress I called upon the LORD,
and cried unto my God: he heard my voice
out of his temple, and my cry came
before him, even into his ears.”**

Psalm 31:6

**“I have hated them that regard lying
vanities: but I trust in the LORD.”**

Psalm 3:8

**“Salvation belongeth unto the LORD:
thy blessing is upon thy people.”**

Spending time in communion with God is critical to our spiritual health and growth ...

- A. God speaks to our hearts through His Word.**
- B. God guides our thoughts by His thoughts.**
- C. God's Word has a cleansing effect on us.**

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- 3. Jonah's confession highlights the importance of humble and honest conversation with God.**

Responding when God reveals your need ...

- A. Acknowledge God's hand at work in your life.**
- B. Turn your eyes back to God.**
- C. Thank God for His compassion.**
- D. Renew your commitment to God and His work.**