

Series: Objection Over-ruled (Story of Jonah)

# THE WORD OF THE LORD

## JONAH 1

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<sup>1</sup> Now **the word of the LORD** came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

Introduction:

As we begin this series we need to realize that God has something for each of us to do. As we will see in this passage God directed Jonah to a place and to a people to preach and proclaim the words of God.

Note:

## **1. THE CALL OF JONAH**

### ***Jonah 1:1***

<sup>1</sup> Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

This call was:

A. Personal – “came into Jonah”

We don't know how God spoke to him but we know that God call was a personal call.

This call was not only personal, but was also:

B. Powerful – “the Word of the Lord”

**Hebrews 4:12**

<sup>12</sup> *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

The Word of the Lord:

- Is Settled

**Psalm 119:89**

<sup>89</sup> *For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.*

- Saves

**James 1:21**

<sup>21</sup> *Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.*

- Sanctifies

***Ephesians 5:26***

<sup>26</sup> *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*

- Searches

***Hebrews 4:12***

<sup>12</sup> *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

- Strengthens

***1 Peter 2:2***

<sup>2</sup> *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:*

Note not only “The Call of Jonah” but also:

## 2. THE COMMAND TO JONAH

### ***Jonah 1:2***

<sup>2</sup> *Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and **cry against it**; for their wickedness is come up before me.*

A. Jonah's Cry Was To Be in a Place – Niveveh

B. Jonah's Cry Was to Be Purposeful – Their wickedness

Note not only “The Call of Jonah” and “The Command to Jonah” but also:

## 3. THE COLLAPSE OF JONAH

### ***Jonah 1:3***

<sup>3</sup> *But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.*

Disobedience always cost us.

Note:

A. His Disobedience

The presence we leave is the:

- Place of Worship
- Place of Hearing the Word
- Place of Prayer
- Place of Service

B. His Downward Spiral

- He went down to Joppa
- He went down into the ship
- He went down into the fish's belly
- He went down into the deep

Remember:

We never fall up but we always fall DOWN

Close:

God has a job for each of us to do. God's call is real.