

of course is not the fish swallowing Jonah, the miracle is that Jonah was kept alive in some way . We don't know how the Lord did it, but certainly we don't have much of a God if we don't think that God could do that if he choose to do it! And we read x here that he did. God caused that the whale ~~was~~ should ~~x~~ swallow Jonah and ~~Jonah~~ should be there for three days . Did Jonah die and then ~~was~~ was raised from the dead . Was Jonah kept ~~x~~ alive in some way there. We don't know just exactly how the Lord did it , but in ~~Matthew-we-have-the~~ chapter two we have the prayer that Jonah made as he showed ~~x~~ still his confidence in the Lord. Jonah had failed . ~~Jeha~~ Jonah had sinned. ~~Jeha~~ Jonah had fled from the Lord. But Jonah was not looking for his salvation because of what he would do for the Lord or because of any goodness in himself. The only way that Jonah could be saved , as anyone of us is through the marvelous provision that God has made for the salvation of those who put their trust in him. And Jonah , though he had failed and thought ~~x~~ he had sinned, Jonah still had confidence in the Lord and he prayed ~~theto~~ to the Lord--prayed with confidence, wonderful--~~eendi~~ confidence. The Lord ~~was~~ wants us to follow him: not to flee from Him, not to try to do what is contrary to His will but he wants us when we do make mistakes, when we do err , when we fall in sin to turn from it, but never to fear that our salvation is lost, because our ~~salvation~~ sins, past, present, and ~~God for~~ future are laid on the Lord Jesus Christ, and we ~~x~~ have been saved through Him. And if anyone had to live without sin in order to be saved, ~~e~~ has to ~~live~~ live without sin after he accepts Jesus Christ, there is ~~x~~ no one who can ever be saved. The Lord wants us to follow Him as ~~ele~~ ~~be~~ close as we can but to realize that compared with the ~~ea~~ standard that He wants, which is compared to the ~~x~~ ceiling here, no one of us comes higher than one of these ~~xx~~ chairs . God wants ~~te~~ us to increase and to grow in grace but to put our confidence in God's goodness and not anything in us. ~~x~~ But God was determined that this