

Sunday, July 10, 2022  
“Minor Prophets: Eternal Questions”  
Summary of the Message of Jonah: Can You Run from God?  
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(Focal verse: 4:11)

The most well-known minor prophet these days is surely Jonah. Jonah’s book is composed of four short chapters, and each chapter reflects a different setting. The first chapter is set mostly at sea; the second chapter is set in the belly of a great fish. The third chapter is set in the city of Nineveh, then the capital of the Assyrian Empire. And the fourth is set just outside of Nineveh. Jonah’s book, though, is unique among the prophets because it is a story and contains very little ‘prophecy.’ In this story, we find a man running away from God’s laws and God’s loves, and, strangely, that man is one of God’s prophets – the prophet Jonah. The prophet Jonah raises the question of one’s love and one’s loyalty. Are you willing to do what God wants you to do? And, secondly, do you love those whom God loves?