

# Before the THRONE

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Jonah 1:4 – 5

“But the LORD sent a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was in danger of being broken. Then the mariners were afraid and cried out to their gods...” Jonah 1:4 – 5

This was a serious storm! The sailors are terrified – they should be – their ship is the focus of the fury of the storm and they instinctively know it. Jonah’s sin has endangered these innocent men, yet the LORD of the Harvest, ever the Great Conservationist, uses this moment of these sailor’s felt need, to speak to their hearts condition concerning eternal matters. (Jonah 1:6).

But Jonah... Jonah is asleep in the belly of the ship drugged by his depression of the disobedient – unlike the Master Who slept through a demonically driven storm because of His supreme confidence in His Father’s care. (Jonah 1:5; Matthew 8:24).

It is curious how the same circumstances of life affect people differently. Here the unbelieving sailors are spiritually in tune, while the prophet of God is oblivious – at least at first – to what is happening!

“Father, make me aware of the spiritual dynamics that so often swirl around my life. May I be sensitive and constantly in tune with Your Spirit’s work. Help me to never be asleep when I should be awake and alert. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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