

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

www.crbiblebaptist.com

Independent, Dispensational, Evangelistic, Missionary

5037 Center Pt. Rd. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Pastor Randall Vartabedian 319-393-4638

08.06.202

Jonah 2:8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

Here Jonah comes to realize running from God is futile. Isn't it amazing the lessons *we should learn* from our mistakes. And thank God He gives us a retake or do-over.

Let's consider that phrase "lying vanities."

Ps 31:6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

That phrase can cover a few things; one of which is false gods. Israel fell prey to it and was rebuked. Jer. 8:19b. ...Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and strange vanities.

Jer. 14:22 a. Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain?

Haven't we all read where Solomon in Ecclesiastes speaks of vanity? He opens the book with "vanity of vanities and closes it with the same statement. Let me touch on a few of those let me know if it hits a reflex point or pressure point.

If you were to ask Solomon "what's new?" He would say "there is no new thing under the sun." And yet we think; sure would be great to get a new _____ . As you see I drew a blank – you fill it in.

- It is a lying vanity for us to think; 'life is based upon things'.

The other day Mary Jo and I went and handed out some tracts and experienced a very high acceptance rate. I *bet* 90%. So in our victory, I took her out to lunch; fine cuisine at Sam's deli. Then followed up with some shopping and noticed a kiosk machine with sample coconut chocolate bars. You scan your card and listen to the marketing and out drops a sample bar. I get mine and my wife uses her card and there is some marketing and rumbling and 4 bars drop out. *I told her "we need to go to Riverside."* She wasn't of the same mind – having a prudent wife pays off, but this time I wasn't able to find out how far.

- Gambling is a lying vanity.

Pr 13:11 Wealth *gotten* by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

Ecc 6:11 Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what *is* man the better?

Empty pursuits

- Pursuit of fame – verity every man as his best state is vanity.
- Pursuit of beauty – favour is deceitful and beauty is vain:
- Pursuit of wealth – riches certainly make themselves wings: they fly away

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

Pr 30:8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:

"GREAT THINGS"

1Sa 12:24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

Great Love – Eph. 2:4

1. Sacrifice
2. Our Condition

Great Grace – Acts 4:33;

1. Gives power
2. Develops charity
3. Has appeal – Acts 13:43
4. Build you up – Acts 20:32

Great Salvation – Heb. 2:3

1. Author
2. Free

Tonight at 5:00 "WHAT IS MAN"

Ps 144:3 LORD, what *is* man, that thou takest knowledge of him! *or* the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

Ps 144:4 Man is like to vanity: his days *are* as a shadow that passeth away.

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center

Wed. at 5:30 Visitation

Wed. at 7:00 Bible study (Neh. 9) & Prayer

Missionary of the week: Roloff Homes – Texas

Isa. 21:11b. Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?

"Watchman, what of the night?" *What weather is coming for the Church?*

Are the clouds lowering, or is it all clear and fair overhead? We must care for the Church of God with anxious love; and now that Popery and infidelity are both threatening, let us observe the signs of the times and prepare for conflict.

"Watchman, what of the night?" *What stars are visible?*

What precious promises suit our present case? You sound the alarm, give us the consolation also. Christ, the polestar, is ever fixed in His place, and all the stars are secure in the right hand of their Lord.

But watchman, *when comes the morning?*

The Bridegroom tarries. Are there no signs of His coming forth as the Sun of Righteousness? Has not the morning star arisen as the pledge of day? When will the day dawn, and the shadows flee away? O Jesus, if Thou come not in person to Thy waiting Church this day, yet come in Spirit to my sighing heart, and make it sing for joy.

Aug. 6th 'Morning & Evening' – Charles Spurgeon