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| I. You may read about it in the Bible.
Rom. 16:16 | III. Its acts of worship are patterned after the New Testament.
John 4:24 |
| II. It speaks where the Bible speaks, is silent where the Bible is silent.
I Pet. 4:11 | IV. It exalts Christ as the <i>only</i> head of the church.— Collossians 1:18 |
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God's Call and Man's Refusal.

(Jonah 1: 1-3)

One of the outstanding facts of the Bible is that God sometimes sends out a great call to very unworthy men, and then allows these men to refuse his call, trample it under their feet, go on their way to defeat, death and eternal destruction; and thus miss everything that God has planned and provided for them. (2) All through the Bible we see examples of this strange experience. It seems to be a fundamental principle in God's dealings with men. (3) One of the most notable of these examples is that of Jonah; and in order that we may get a clear understanding of the facts in his case, let us carefully consider what is said regarding him. First. God's call came to Jonah. This is the plain statement of the text: (Jonah 1:1-2; 3:1-2). We are not told specifically just how the call reached him, nor is it necessary that we should know. The important thing to remember is that he received the word of Jehovah. Even today when the Bible makes known to us the Lord's will, that is a call of the Lord to us; regardless of the manner in which we came to know his will, whether by reading, hearing it preached, or some circumstance through which we are brought face to face with what he wants us to know. (2nd Thess. 2:13,14): "We are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God from the beginning hath chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." Second. God's call to Jonah was a great call. (1) It was great in its authority--it came directly from God. (Matt. 28:18; 2nd Cor. 5:18,20; Luke 10:16) (2) It was great in its simplicity--it gave Jonah a plain program of procedure. (Matt. 7:21; John 7:17; Gal. 1:6,9). Third. It was great in its assignment---it presented the untried task of going to a far distant

Gentile city and delivering God's warning to it. (Mark 16:15; Romans 1: 14,15) Fourth. It was great in its antagonism--it challenged and aroused all of Jonah's Jewish prejudices. (Matt. 5:43,48; Romans 12:19,21). Fifth It was great in its finality--in spite of all the delays, difficulties, and antagonisms, not a word of the message was changed in the least. (Gal. 1:6,9). The third point we wish to consider in this lesson is, Jonah's great refusal. First. The prophet as we have seen was faced with a task which was abhorrent to his soul, and he sought to flee "from the presence of Jehovah" by taking a ship bound for far away Tarshish. Second. Let us consider some of the things his refusal involved, remembering that the principle is the same, whether the refusal is Jonah's or our own. (1) He refused the task which God assigned to him. (Matt. 25:14,30). (2) He refused the honor that God conferred upon him. (3) He refused the great opportunity that God had placed before him. (James 5:19,20). (4) He refused the august will of God that was plainly expressed to him. (John 12:48). (5) He refused the great achievement which God had reserved especially for him. Finally, and last. The result of refusing God's call. No one has ever refused to listen to and obey God without suffering the fearful consequences with which such disobedience is threatened. (Hebrews 2:1-3); also read (chapter 10:26,-31). Here are some more examples and warnings. (Mark 10:17-22) The rich young ruler. (Matt. 23:34-39) A solemn warning to Jerusalem. (Romans 15:4-6) "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!"

You Never Mentioned Him To Me.

When in the better land before the bar we stand
How deeply grieved our souls will be
If any lost one there should cry in deep despair
You never mentioned Him to me.
Oh, let us spread the word where'er it may be heard
Help groping souls the light to see

That yonder nonemay say, you showed ne not the way
You never mentioned Him to me.

A few sweet words may guide a lost one to His side
Or turn sad eyes on Calvery

So work as days go by, that yonder none may cry,

You never mentioned Him to me.

You helped me not, the light to see

You met me day by day

And knew I was astray

Yet, you never mentioned Him to me.

It is impossible to be saved without Christ. We cannot be saved without a savior. Jesus is our Savior. "And thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21.) This was spoken of the Lord even before he was born into this world.

Paul wrote that Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Tim. 1:15.) Jesus will not save us unconditionally. It takes more than just saying: "Lord, save me"

"Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven!" (Matt. 7:21.) Jesus

is the author of eternal salvation to all who will obey him. "Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered, and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Heb. 5:8,9.) It is impossible to be saved without the gospel of Christ. We cannot be saved by the doctrines and commandments of men. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe it. (Rom. 1:16.)

Jesus wants the gospel preached to every creature. (Mark 16:15.) Those who reject this gospel will be destroyed with everlasting destruction. (2 Thesa. 1:7-9.)

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." It is impossible to be saved without the church of Christ. God made the church possible by the giving of his Son. Jesus died for the church and is the Savior of the church. (Eph. 5:23.)