

## *Near death experiences...Jonah 2 (page 774)*

Ch 1- *"Arise, go to Nineveh"...Jonah rose to **flee***

Ch 3 - *"Arise, go to Nineveh"...Jonah arose and **went***

***What is the cure for Christian reluctance?***

### **1. Jonah has a near death experience**

His experience is common to all - dying a spiritual death

Sheol is the place of the dead - *"away from the presence of the Lord"* 1:3

He was under God's judgment, *"For you cast me into the deep"* v3

### **2. But God heard his cries for mercy**

*"I called out to you the Lord, and he answered me", v2*

The Temple vs Sheol

Re-create your own near-death experience...

*I was spiritually dead and under your judgment, but you heard my cries for mercy*

***The cure for Christian reluctance is remembering how God saved you***

### **3. A sour taste at the end**

I will be saved, but THOSE pagans are forsaken, v8-9.

*Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us (Matt 6)*

It's a sour thing to know God's mercy but then not share it with others