



## Jonah

*be humble, be Faithful, be humble*

**Biblical Reading:** Jonah 1:1-17

**Related Reading:** Midrash

### Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

Lord, thou hast searched me and doest know  
Wherever I rest, wherever I go;  
Thou knowest all that I have planned,  
And all my ways are in the hand.

If I the wings of morning take,  
And far away my dwelling make,  
The hand that leadeth me is thine,  
And my support thy power divine.

My words from thee I cannot hide;  
I feel thy power on every side;  
O wondrous knowledge, awful might,  
Unfathomed depth, unmeasured height!

If deepest darkness cover me,  
The darkness hideth not from thee;  
To thee both night and day are bright,  
The darkness shineth as the light.

Where can I go apart from thee,  
Or whither from thy presence flee?  
In heaven" It is thy swelling fair;  
In death's abode? Lo, thou art there.

*Worship in Song: A Friends Hymnal, #210  
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## Midrash

"The word *midrash* refers to "searching out" the meaning of, or interpreting, the words of the Torah. Midrash tells new stories, answers new questions and forges connections between new Jewish realities and the eternal, unchanging biblical text.

"When this searching centers on ideas, values, or the story and characters of the Torah, it is known as *midrash aggadah*. When the focus is on Jewish law and practices, it is called *midrash halakhah*. The latter term is also used to refer to a set of works from the talmudic period that are largely made up of legal interpretations of the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

"The text of the Torah is often general or ambiguous even when presenting laws. Midrash halakhah attempts to clarify, specify, or extend a law beyond its obvious reference points."

<http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/midrash-halakhah/>

## More Resources:

Nineveh - <http://www.britannica.com/place/Nineveh-ancient-city-Iraq>

Midrash - <http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/midrash-101/2/>

Book of Jonah - <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/8751-jonah-book-of>