

## **Jonah - Part 4**

Poor Expectations, Empty Promises

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Good Expectations, Full Promises

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**Child:** Jesus, I love our conversations. I like to go on walks with You. It's a good time to look at Your creation and talk to You, its Creator! Let's get right into the topic of expectations.

**Jesus:** That sounds good to Me. We'll focus on poor expectations - empty promises, and good expectations - full promises.

**Child:** Through the power of the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine, You've taught me that when I expect anything from my flesh, my old sin nature, it will give me nothing but misery. I will end up with empty promises! What a letdown!



**Jesus:** When you do fall for the promises of the old sin nature, lay aside or stop doing what you're doing in our old self - in your old nature. Live in your new self, the self in union with Me. In order to lay aside or put away your old nature, you have to be renewed in your mind. This happens when God the Holy Spirit changes your old ways of thinking through the word of God. This is how you put on your new nature and grow in the knowledge of Me. You'll be using the power of God the Holy Spirit and living in your new nature again.\* You'll be living with good expectations - full promises.

\*Go to [allaboardgodstrain.org](http://allaboardgodstrain.org) and read *More About Newness of Life In Christ*.

**Child:** Will You explain both kinds of expectations and promises a little more?



**Jesus:** Certainly. You're right about the flesh, your old sin nature. You can't have confidence in it. It has no ability to deliver you from anything! It is in every cell of your body. Because that is true, there is a constant battle going on between it and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit always indwells your body so He can help you with your flesh. He is the One Who is to fight your spiritual battles. He has the power! It's up to you to stay out of His way!

**Child:** That means I can have zero confidence or expectations in self-deliverance. It promises me nothing! I can have complete confidence in deliverance from You and the Holy Spirit. You've given me fantastic expectations and great promises!



**Jesus:** The cosmic system and your old sin nature hate grace and mercy. This means they refuse God's grace. Therefore, they refuse Me and all that I stand for. They rely on poor, selfish expectations. They don't like the fact that I've done all the work\* and all you have to do is use the power of the Holy Spirit and learn, believe and use Bible doctrine, My thinking. The Father's plan is a grace plan!

\*Go to [allaboardgodstrain.org](http://allaboardgodstrain.org) and read: *It Is Finished - Believe It.*



**Child:** So, what You're telling me is the cosmic system, which is the same as human viewpoint, and my old sin nature want me to have poor expectations. They want me to hold onto or use my poor expectations, or empty promises. Ouch! They want me to put my desires and needs first - as top priority. Selfish! To them, admitting my faults is useless, and forgiving others' faults is a mistake. That sure is opposite of the truth! It is important to them that I make myself the celebrity. Once again, wrong idea. Jesus Christ, You are the only true Celebrity!



**Christ:** I'm glad I'm #1 in your life. When you follow My expectations, My promises, you'll be following My rules of grace. You can relax. You'll always have your old sin nature, the flesh, trying to tell you that it has great plans, rules and promises for you. It lies! All it can offer is sin and misery. It can't offer grace and mercy! Only God can!

**Child:** When I operate in my flesh I am arrogant and proud. I want to follow my poor expectations. I'm following empty promises. How stupid! When I do that I'm saying I hate grace. Even more stupid! When I operate in Your grace and good expectations, I'm set free from my flesh. What a relief!



**Christ:** Any expectation that doesn't go along with My viewpoint is an empty promise you make to yourself. You expect your human viewpoint to work. You want creature credit. Grace is the opposite of creature credit; God gets the credit. My expectations and promises of blessings are guaranteed. You have My word!

**Child:** Your word, the Bible , is the most fantastic book of expectations. It shows me how I can expect to get to all that You have in store for me. I want Your thoughts to fill my thinking, not the thoughts of the flesh and the cosmic system. I want You, Jesus Christ, to be my Celebrity. I want Your good expectations and full promises!





**Christ:** As long as you cooperate with the Holy Spirit and keep taking in My thinking, you will be putting Me as #1 in your life. Never think less of yourself, even when you fail. You're going to fail until the day you go to heaven. That's why God's plan is one of grace and mercy!\* Exciting! We, the Trinity, love you, \_\_\_\_\_! Our good expectations for you can be accomplished because We give you everything you need!

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