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- 1) God, the Eternal Father, the Creator and Sustainer of all existence
- 2) The Holy Spirit, the seven Spirits of God who are before his throne,
who continually convict us of sin, righteousness, and the coming Judgment
- 3) Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, the Lord and Savior of all mankind

Without these Three, this work would never have been possible.

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1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,
 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and proclaim against it, for¹ their wickedness has come up before me."
 3 But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. So he went down [to] Joppa and found a ship going [to] Tarshish. And he paid its fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.
 4 But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a great storm on the sea with the result that the ship threatened² to break up.
 5 Then the sailors became afraid and cried out, each man to his god. And they hurled the articles which [were] in the ship into the sea in order to lighten [the load] from upon them. Now Jonah had gone down into the innermost parts of the ship and had lain down and had fallen into a deep sleep.
 6 So the chief of the sailors drew near to him and said to him, "What [are] you doing sleeping deeply? Arise, call upon your God; perhaps God will think about us, with the result that we will not perish."
 7 And they said, each man to his companion, "Come, and let us cast lots in order that we may know on whose account this calamity [has come] upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.
 8 Then they said to him, "Tell us now on whose account this calamity [has come] upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What [is] your country? And from what people [are] you?"
 9 And he said to them, "I [am] a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."
 10 Then the men feared [with] a great fear and said to him, "What [is] this you have done?" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.
 11 And they said to him, "What should we do to you, in order that the sea may grow silent for us." For the sea was growing more and more stormy.
 12 And he said to them, "Take me up and hurl me into the sea, then the sea will grow silent for you. For I know that on account of me this great storm [has come] upon you."
 13 Nevertheless, the men rowed to bring [it] back to the dry land, but they were not able, for the sea was growing more and more stormy upon them.
 14 Then they cried out to the LORD and said, "We implore you, O LORD, please let us not perish on account of the life of this man, and do not lay upon us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as you have delighted."
 15 Therefore they took up Jonah and hurled [him] into the sea, and the sea stood still from its raging.
 16 Then the men feared the LORD [with] a great fear, and they sacrificed a sacrifice to the LORD and vowed [with] vows.
 17 And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish [for] three days and three nights.

1) or, "that"

2) lit, "planned"

1 Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,
 2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.
 3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.
 4 But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.
 5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that [were] in the ship into the sea, to lighten [it] of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.
 6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.
 7 And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil [is] upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.
 8 Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil [is] upon us; What [is] thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what [is] thy country? and of what people [art] thou?
 9 And he said unto them, I [am] an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry [land].
 10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.
 11 Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous.
 12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest [is] upon you.
 13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring [it] to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.
 14 Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee.
 15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.
 16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.
 17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

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1 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish.
 2 And he said, "I called out to the LORD out¹ of my distress, and he answered me. From the belly of Sheol I cried out; you heard my voice.
 3 "For you had thrown me [into the] deep, into the heart of [the] seas, and [the] current engulfed me; all your surfs and your waves passed over me.
 4 "And I said, 'I have been driven out from the presence of your eyes; however, I will look again toward your holy temple².'
 5 "[The] waters encompassed me, even to [the] soul³; [the] deep engulfed me; [the] reeds were wrapped around my head.
 6 "I went down to the roots of [the] mountains; the earth, its bars [are] behind me for eternity. But you brought up my life from [the] pit, O LORD my God.
 7 "When my soul became weak upon me, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple⁴.
 8 "Those who adhere to worthless vanities⁵ forsake their kindness.

1) or, "on account"

2) lit, "the temple of your holiness"
 3) or, "neck"

4) lit, "the temple of your holiness"
 5) lit, "vanities of worthlessness"

1 Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,
 2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, [and] thou heardest my voice.
 3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.
 4 Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.
 5 The waters compassed me about, [even] to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.
 6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars [was] about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.
 7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.
 8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

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9 "But I will sacrifice to you with [the] voice of thanksgiving; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD."
10 Then the LORD gave orders to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

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9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay [that] that I have vowed. Salvation [is] of the LORD.
10 And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry [land].

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1 And the word of the LORD came to Jonah [for the] second [time], saying,
2 "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and proclaim to¹ it the proclamation which I am going to tell you."
3 So Jonah rose up and went to Nineveh according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was a great city to God, a journey of three days.
4 And Jonah began to go into the city [for] a journey of a day. Then he cried out and said, "Forty days more, and Nineveh will be overthrown."
5 Then the men of Nineveh believed in God. And they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.
6 And the word reached the king of Nineveh. Then he rose up from his throne, and took away his robe from upon him, and covered himself [with] sackcloth, and sat upon the ashes.
7 And he made a proclamation and gave orders in Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, "Let no man or beast, cattle or flock, taste anything; let them not graze and let them not drink water.
8 But rather let man and beast cover themselves [with] sackcloth, and let them cry out to God with force, and let them turn back, each man from his evil way and from the violence which [is] in their hands.
9 "Who knows? God may turn back and feel regret and turn back from the burning of his anger, with the result that we do² not perish."
10 And God saw their deeds, that they turned back from their evil way. And God regretted the calamity which he had said [he] would bring upon them, and did not do [it].

1) or, "against"

1 And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying,
2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.
3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.
4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.
5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.
6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered [him] with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.
7 And he caused [it] to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water:
8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that [is] in their hands.
9 Who can tell [if] God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?
10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did [it] not.

2) or, "in order that we may"

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1 But it was displeasing to Jonah [with] great displeasure, and he burned with anger.
2 And he prayed to the LORD and said, "I implore you, O LORD, was not this my saying while I was in my land? Therefore I set out in advance to flee to Tarshish. For I know that you [are] a gracious and compassionate God, slow to¹ anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who regrets calamity.
3 "Now therefore, O LORD, take now my life away from me, for [it is] better for me to die than for me to live²."
4 And the LORD said, "Do you do well to burn with anger³?"
5 Then Jonah went out from the city and sat on [the] east of the city. And he made a booth for himself there and sat under it in the shade until he saw what would happen in the city.
6 And the LORD God appointed a castor oil plant and made [it] go⁴ up over Jonah to be a shade over his head, to deliver him from his displeasure. And Jonah rejoiced [with] great joy on account of the castor oil plant.
7 Then God appointed a worm when the dawn came up on the next day, and it struck the castor oil plant, and it withered.
8 And it happened as soon as the sun rose, that God appointed a scorching east wind⁵, and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, and he became faint. Then he requested that he should⁶ die and said, "[It is] better for me to die than for me to live⁷."
9 And God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to burn with anger⁸ concerning the castor oil plant?" And he said, "I do well to burn with anger⁹ even to death."
10 Then the LORD said, "You looked compassionately upon the castor oil plant, on which you did not labor and [which] you did not cause to grow, which came into being [in] a night and perished [in] a night.
11 "And should I not look compassionately upon Nineveh the great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand men who do not distinguish between their right [hand] and their left [hand], and much cattle?"

1) lit, "long of"

2) lit, "my death [is] better than my life"
 3) lit, "doing well does it burn to you"

4) or, "it went"

5) lit, "scorching wind of [the] east"
 6) lit, "his life to"
 7) lit, "my death [is] better than my life"
 8) lit, "doing well does it burn to you"
 9) lit, "doing well it burn to me"

1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.
2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, [was] not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou [art] a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.
3 Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for [it is] better for me to die than to live.
4 Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry?
5 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.
6 And the LORD God prepared a gourd, and made [it] to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.
7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.
8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, [It is] better for me to die than to live.
9 And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, [even] unto death.
10 Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:
11 And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and [also] much cattle?