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# Foreword

*In Sin Leads Down, Billy Graham brings us face to face with an unchanging spiritual reality: sin is never static. It never leaves a man where it found him. It moves, it progresses, and its direction is always downward.*

*From the opening lines, we are reminded of the authority of Scripture—not as a historical record alone, but as the living Word of God speaking to every generation. The call of Jonah is not treated as distant narrative, but as a present warning. God’s command, God’s concern for Nineveh, and Jonah’s resistance become a mirror through which every reader must examine their own response to divine instruction.*

*What makes this message particularly striking is its honesty about human avoidance. Jonah did not simply disobey; he fled. He descended step by step, thinking distance from obedience might also mean distance from accountability. Yet the sermon reveals what Scripture consistently declares: there is no geography outside the reach of God.*

*In an age where moral compromise is often softened, this message restores clarity. It reminds the reader that judgment is not a concept of fear alone, but a reality tied to the holiness of God. At the same time, it carries hope—because every warning of Scripture is ultimately an invitation to return.*

*The descent of Jonah becomes more than ancient history. It becomes a spiritual pattern: every step away from obedience is a step downward, and every step downward is a call to repentance before the final consequence is reached.*

*May this message stir conviction where it is needed, clarity where it is lost, and a renewed reverence for the God whose Word still reaches every generation.*

**— Wisdom Epsi**  
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## ***Main Message***

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## The Word of the Lord

I believe that this Book, the Bible, is inspired of God. It is God's Book. It is God's message to every generation.

"The word of the LORD came unto Jonah."

God's Word said:

"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me."

— Jonah 1:2 (KJV)

There comes a time when God can stand sin and wickedness no more, and judgment must come.

That is the danger in America right now. That is the danger in the world right now.

Our wickedness is so great that God may allow judgment to fall unless we, as a people, turn back to God.

That is one of the encouraging things about this youth revival across America. Thank God that young people are beginning to turn to Christ in great numbers.

## **Jonah's Reluctance**

The word of the Lord came unto Jonah.

But Jonah was not happy about it. He did not want to be a fire-and-brimstone preacher in Nineveh. There was no glamour in that. He knew he would be persecuted. He knew he would not be popular.

He did not want to deliver a message of judgment to Nineveh.

So Jonah decided that he was going to flee. He was going to get away. He was going to disobey God. The Bible says that Jonah fled from the presence of the Lord.

He went down to Joppa and bought a ticket for Tarshish. Tarshish was a great resort city, and he thought to himself, *I can go down there and lie on a beach, and the Lord will not even know where I am. I can get away from it all.*

## **You Cannot Escape God**

That has been true all the way through the Bible. Adam and Eve thought they could get away from God. They hid in the garden and concealed themselves behind the fig leaves they had sewn together after they rebelled against God.

But God came walking in the garden and said:

"Adam, where art thou?"

— Genesis 3:9 (KJV)

The Bible teaches that there is no place where a person can escape the presence of God.

You can make your bed in hell, and you still cannot get away from God. There is nowhere for you to flee from Him.

## **Sin Always Leads Down**

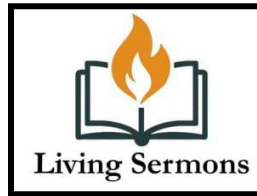
The Bible says that Jonah went down to Joppa. He got into the ship and then went down into the sides of the ship to sleep.

Notice the direction of Jonah's journey.

He went down.

Sin always leads downward.

Jonah went down, and when you sin and persist in sin, it is going to lead you down.



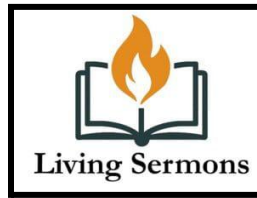
## About the Speaker

Billy Graham (1918–2018) was one of the most influential Christian evangelists of the twentieth century. Over the course of a ministry spanning more than seventy years, he faithfully proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ to audiences around the world, preaching in person to nearly 215 million people across more than 185 countries and territories.

As the founder of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, he led numerous evangelistic crusades, conferences, radio broadcasts, television programmes, and publishing initiatives that helped bring the message of salvation to millions. His ministry was marked by a steadfast commitment to biblical truth, personal integrity, and the call to lead men and women into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Billy Graham also served as a trusted spiritual counsellor to multiple Presidents of the United States, offering biblical wisdom and pastoral guidance while maintaining his primary calling as an evangelist of the Gospel.

His messages continue to inspire believers worldwide, pointing people to the hope, forgiveness, and eternal life found in Christ alone. Through his preaching, writings, and global ministry influence, Billy Graham remains one of the most recognised and respected voices in modern Christian history.



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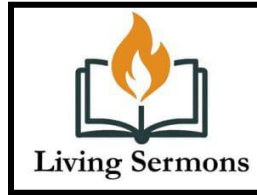
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