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### **“But Jonah rose up to flee...” (Jonah 1:3a)**

Why is it that we do not pay attention to what the Lord says more often than not. In verse one of chapter one of the book of Jonah, we find the **“word of the LORD came unto Jonah”** and told him what he needed to do. He was told to go to Nineveh and cry against it because of the wickedness that was being observed by the Lord.

However, instead of doing what the Lord had told him, **“Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD...”** Why? Did he think for a moment that he could flee to any place on this earth which the Lord Himself created, where God would not see him or that God would not know where he was and what he was doing even for a moment? Not even a Sparrow falls to the ground without the Lord knowing it, so surely He (the Lord) knew what Jonah had in mind and where he was at all times.

The same goes for us. Don't think the Lord doesn't know what you are up too. If you are not serving Him as you should, He knows it! If you are doing that which brings reproach on the name of the Lord, He knows it! If you are trying to catch a fast boat to China (or Tarshish) to avoid something the Lord has told you to do, He knows it!

Jesus, when addressing Peter, said - **“Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee”** (John 21:17). Then there was the Samaritan woman who testified that, **“He told me all that ever I did”** (John 4:39). We have all these and more biblical proofs of just a minute amount of what the Lord knows and yet we still rise up to flee from His instructions and guidance.

The Lord knows what is best for us in our lives. Don't run, don't try to hide, and don't try to flee from what the Lord would have you to do in your service unto Him. He is worthy of our praise. Let us run with haste to do His will. ***“Think About It”***

