

Ballou Indian Church, Mayes County

Sermon by: Rev. Sam Hyder

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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(April 11, 1968. We are attending the Ballou Indian Church in Mayes County. The recording begins with congregational singing in Cherokee without any assist from instrumental music. Rev. Sam Hyder, Zeke Vann, and George Ballou are leading the singing. Rev Hyder is a prominent minister of the spiritual life of the Cherokees and brings this sermon tonight.)

(Singing.)

SUBJECT FOR SERMON: JONAH AND THE WHALE

(In Cherokee language - about 15 minutes.)

You can just put your new testaments up for the time being. I want all of you to turn with me in the Old Testament to one of the most controversial passages in the Bible (Cherokee word) because we're going to talk about Jonah and the Whale. We're going to talk about man and a fish. Even Christians will say, oh, that story. You know God spoke those words, he told us what happened. (Cherokee words), Jonah, a man of God, because the Word says that Jonah was a man of God! Jesus vouched for him. (Cherokee word) God said in his Book, and I'm going to believe in him. I have belief, that's the reason I'm preaching (sentence in Cherokee). I need your prayers and I need you to pray for someone providing you are a Christian. Because you have a friend, a sister, brother, mother, father, some kind folks or even a neighbor that is without hope, without trust.