

Jonah 4

1. God's Call to Jonah
2. God Hears Jonah
3. God's Mercy to Ninevah
4. God is Gracious

V1- Jonah was angry because God was merciful to Nineveh

Jonah 3:10

When God saw their deeds, they turned from their wicked way, then God relented.

V2- Jonah's worst fears came to pass
Ex 34:6-7 "The LORD, the LORD, the
compassionate and gracious God, slow to
anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,
maintaining love to thousands, and
forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet
He does not leave the guilty unpunished;
He punishes the children and their children
for the sin of the parents to the third and
fourth generation."

Jonah knows God is compassionate and long-suffering with us.

Jonah's theology is correct, but Jonah's application is totally wrong.

Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

Micah 6:8 To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with God.

Joel 2:13 Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity.

Psalm 103:8 The LORD is
compassionate and gracious, slow to
anger, abounding in love.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in
keeping his promise, as some
understand slowness. But he is
patient with you, not wanting anyone to
perish, but everyone to come to
repentance.

Jonah 1:12 Throw me into the sea

Jonah 2:2 I cried out for help

Jonah 2:9 Salvation is from The LORD

Jonah 4:3 Just take my life already

V4- God asks Jonah why he is angry.

V5- Jonah made a booth/ shelter

V5- should have reminded him of God's grace when Israel was in the wilderness.

Feast of Booths (Tabernacles)

God's provision for Israel during a time of their great need. Now is the time of Nineveh's great spiritual need.

V6- God was being merciful to Nineveh, while teaching Jonah a deeper revelation about God
God made Jonah comfortable.

V7- God is more concerned with our holiness, than He is with our happiness
1 Peter 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy

Lev 19:2 Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy as I, the LORD your God, am holy.

Lev 20:7 Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God.

1 Thess 4:7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

V8- God made things even more difficult for Jonah. / Jonah's response "just let me die"

God's word often comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comforted.

The hot wind came from The LORD.

V9/10 You're worried about a vine that withered away, you had no part in creating?

V11- God established Nineveh, He created the city, it's people, and God it's animals

God is sovereign- Romans 9:15-16

Romans 9:15-16 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

(Exodus 33:19)