

Angry with God!

Jonah 4:1-11

Introduction

I Jonah's Heart Revealed

- A. Jonah vented his displeasure - Jam 1:19-20
 - 1. His displeasure led to _____
 - a. He had little ___ - _____ - Prov 25:28; 29:11
 - b. He had little fear of God - Prov 8:13
 - c. He had little concern for the ___ - Lk 9:51-56
 - 2. His anger led to a carnal prayer - Eph 4:26-27
- B. Jonah's grounds for anger
 - 1. The _____ of God - Ex 34:6-7
 - 2. The _____ of God - Matt 20:11; Lk 15:28
 - a. He relented from sending calamity - Jon 3:10
- C. Jonah's anger led to _____ - _____
 - 1. He preferred _____ to life - 1 Ki 19:3-4

II God Replied To Jonah's Anger

- A. He asked Jonah a question - Eph 2:1-5
 - 1. "Do you have a ___ to be angry?" - Lk15; Mt18
 - 2. Jonah responded with sullen anger
- B. He gave Jonah an object lesson
 - 1. God provided a ___ to comfort Jonah
 - 2. God provided a worm destroy the vine
 - 3. God provided a scorching ___ - Rev 3:19;16:8-9
- C. Jonah's response to the lesson
 - 1. He wanted to ___!

III God Replied Again to Jonah's Anger

- A. He asked Jonah another question
 - 1. "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?"
 - 2. Jonah responded with irrational _____
 - a. "I do have a _____ to be angry!"
 - b. "I am angry enough to ___!" - Eccl 7:9
- B. He gave Jonah the conclusion of the lesson
 - 1. Jonah was concerned about a _____

- a. The lost _____ it gave him
 - b. The lost protection it gave him
 - c. The lost _____ it gave him
- 2. God was concerned about the city of Nineveh
 - a. _____ Ninevites - 2 Pet 3:9
 - b. Many _____ as well - Ps 36:6; 145:9

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. Have you ever been angry with God? What were the circumstances? How did you justify your anger?
2. How do you normally respond when things don't "go your way"? What consequences usually result? How could you respond in a more biblical way in the future?
3. Jonah is a story of God's love and compassion for believers and unbelievers. Is there someone or a group of people that you have been spiritually calloused to (not caring whether they go to hell)? What would God have you do? Are you willing?
4. Read Matt 7:2. What kind of "measure" do you generally use to judge others? Critical/demanding or merciful/compassionate? Based on this verse, how then will God judge you?
5. What was God trying to teach Jonah through the plant, the worm and the scorching heat? Did he learn the lesson? Why/why not? How can you apply these lessons to your life?
6. Summarize the most important lessons you have learned from the study of Jonah? What will you do with these lessons?

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