

Jonah 4 - Do you do well to be Angry?

Structure
Compare
1.17-2.10 -- 4.1-4

1 - Jonah prayed to the Lord
• 1.17-2.1a
• 4.1-2a

2 - Jonah's Prayer
• 2.1b-9
• 4.2b-3

3 - The Lord Spoke
• 2.10
• 4.4

LG Question

Review Jonah 1.17-2.10 & compare to Jonah 4.1-4

Why is it significant to notice the similarities & differences between the first time Jonah prayed & the Lord spoke?

Expository

V. 1

"seemed exceedingly EVIL" to Jonah

"ra-ah"

Pagans got rid of their evil

So... God got rid of their disaster ("evil")

Ever heard "God won't use a dirty vessel"?

LG Question

Review Jonah 4.1
Why did God's mercy seem "evil" to Jonah?

V. 2

"I knew it! I told you!"

"That is why I made haste to flee..."

"for I knew..."

Knew what?

gracious

merciful

slow to anger

abounding in steadfast love

relenting from disaster

How did you know this?

God's Promise

Jeremiah 18.7-9

Joel 2.13

God's Credit Report

Exodus 34.6-7

Neh. 9.7

Psalms 145.8

'Behold - The Compassionate Character of God!'

The Steadfast Love of God

The Mystery of God's Mercy

This is why Jonah is so angry!

Love & Mercy to Me = "Thanks" (Jonah 2.8)

Love & Mercy to Them = "Horrible" (Jonah 4.2)

V. 3

Glad to be Alive --> Take my Life

"my life" = Soul

cf. 2.7

"die than to live" = My Life

cf. 2.6

"Better for Me to Die than to Live"

If that is how God is... I don't want Him!

Romans 9.20

Isaiah 45.9

Job 33.13, 40.2, 40.7-8

Be Careful, God might give you what you ask for...

You Spared Me... Now Them?

I was so glad when you spared my life.

I was so happy when you saved my soul.

Jonah 2.6-7

But now you spare them?

"I am a Hebrew"

If this is who you are and what you do... I wish I was dead!

Jonah 4.3

LG Question

Review Jonah 4.3 & Romans 3.25
Jonah's was glad that God "passed over" his sins, but angry that God would "pass over" the sins of the Ninevites.

- a.) What is Jonah's problem?
- b.) Do you ever feel this way?
- c.) Why did God "pass over" some people's sins?

Jonah's Problem - He doesn't see the Cross! †

He understands God has abundant mercy...

He just doesn't understand why or how...

If you don't understand the cross... you will think God is horrible. Punishing some sin & passing over others.

Romans 3.25

Our Problem - He doesn't see the Cross! †

Save Me... but Dahmer?

I was so glad when you spared my life.

I was so happy when you saved my soul.

I will tell everyone of your mercy & grace...

But now you spare someone like him?

