

JONAH

The Relentless Mercy of God

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READ

Read Jonah 4 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- In verses 1-2, Jonah explains why he fled from the Lord originally in Chapter 1. Explain why he was “displeased exceedingly” that the Lord showed mercy to Nineveh.
- Was Jonah justified in thinking that God’s mercy should’ve been exclusive for Israel?
- Answer God’s question to Jonah in verse 4. Is Jonah’s anger here just and right? Why or why not?
- Why does God provide Jonah the shade plant and then send a worm to destroy it?
- Explain what point God makes with his final statement and question in verses 10-11.

APPLY

- Jonah’s wish for death in verse 3, in the words of Tim Keller, “shows that he is willing to discard his relationship with God if he does not get his thing.” Is there anything you are tempted to value over God? How can you respond to this idolatry?
- Jonah demonstrated in this chapter that his allegiance to his own people is stronger than his allegiance to God. How is this dangerous? Do you see examples of this today?
- How does God’s care for not only people, but also his whole creation instruct us to do the same?
- Reflect on what this chapter (and all of Jonah) has taught you about God. How will this change the way you live?

PRAY

Spend time praising God, confessing sin, and bringing requests to Him in response to this passage.

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