

# ***Do you do well to be angry?***

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Jonah 4

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## **Jonah 3:4 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup> ... “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

## **Jonah 4:1-11 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. <sup>2</sup> And he prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. <sup>3</sup> Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup> And the Lord said, “Do you do well to be angry?” <sup>5</sup> Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup> Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. <sup>7</sup> But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, “Do you do well to be angry for the plant?” And he said, “Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup> And the Lord said, “You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup> And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?”

### **1. Sin drives us away from the presence of God**

- a. Gen. 4:7 “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you (sins desire), but you must rule over it.”
- b. 2 Cor. 10:5 puts it this way:
  - i. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

### **2. The security of bondage often overshadows the risk that comes with freedom**

- i. Matt. 5: 44-45 tells us <sup>44</sup>“But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”

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### **3. Don't trade anointing for anger and blessings for bitterness**

### **4. Anger propels selfishness and selfishness propels pride**

- i. *Pride: a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's own achievements, the achievements of those with whom one is closely associated, or from qualities or possessions that are widely admired.*
- ii. *Pride is a symptom of unrelinquished control.*
- iii. *We can mask our pride with words that mimic humility, but God knows our heart.*

### **5. Trade contention for compassion**

- i. *Contention: strife or competition that shows itself in quarreling, disputing, or controversy*
- ii. *Compassion will always move us to action.*

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