

Rejecting Revival

Part 1 – When God’s Grace is Offensive

Text: Jonah 4:1–3 (KJV)

Scripture

“But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil. Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.”

— Jonah 4:1–3

I. The Offense of Grace (v.1–2)

Jonah is not confused—he is offended.

- God's mercy toward Nineveh angered him
- Right theology, wrong heart
- Grace accepted for self, rejected for others

Notes:

II. The Exposure of Motive (v.2)

Jonah reveals why he ran.

- He *knew* God would forgive
- His rebellion was rooted in prejudice
- He preferred judgment over mercy

Notes:

III. The Rejection of Revival (v.1)

Revival came—but Jonah resisted it.

- Nineveh repented
- God relented
- Jonah resented

Key Truth:

It is possible to witness revival and still miss it personally.

Notes:

IV. The Death of Perspective (v.3)

Jonah would rather die than change.

- No brokenness over sin
- No joy in salvation
- No alignment with God

Notes:

Key Principles

- God's grace will expose our heart

- Revival reveals what we truly believe
- Bitterness blocks usefulness
- A right view of God must produce a right spirit

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Closing Challenge

Revival is not measured by what God does around you—
but by what God is allowed to change within you.

Personal Reflection:

Where might I be resisting what God is doing?
