

Running Over God

Jonah 4:1 But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry. 2 He prayed to the LORD, "O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. 3 Now, O LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live." 4 But the LORD replied, "Have you any right to be angry?" 5

Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. 6 Then the LORD God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine. 7 But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live." 9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?" "I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die." 10 But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. 11 But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

A Quick Review from Chapters 1-3

We are all "_____ " but running doesn't _____ and it won't give you _____.

God loves us _____ to _____ us.
God didn't want to pay him back but to bring him back

_____ can turn to the Lord and even though we are not perfect, He trusts us with _____ responsibility!

Jonah's Theology

1. Jonah knew that God is _____ and compassionate.
2. Jonah knew that God is _____ to _____ and very loving.
3. Jonah knew that God is _____!

But for some reason, that didn't really _____ with Jonah and he wanted to "_____ God."

#1 -- Many people have good _____ but unfortunately, it doesn't _____ the way they live.

Jonah's Problems

1. He was an _____ person.
 2. He was a _____ person.
 3. He was guided by his _____ more than his _____.
 4. He was ready to _____ for his interest but unwilling to die for the _____ of others.
- #2 – Many people are guided by _____ because of selfishness.

Jonah's Anger

1. Jonah was angry because God had _____ from His threatened _____ of Nineveh.
Jonah 4:2 . . . That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God
-- This was because of his _____ of his enemies.
-- And possibly because of his _____.
2. Jonah was _____ about the _____.
Jonah 4:9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?" "I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die."
#3 – You can learn a _____ about a person by _____ what makes him or her angry.

Jonah's Lesson

1. God was _____ patient with a "troubled _____."
 2. God provided everything Jonah needed for a _____.
Jonah 4:6 Then the LORD God provided a vine . . . 7 But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, . . .
 3. God asked a _____ to make Jonah _____.
 4. God provided _____ to help Jonah see the _____ picture.
- #4 God _____ but wants us to _____ from our mistakes!

Final Thoughts

1. How are you like Jonah? Good and bad?
2. How are you unlike Jonah?
3. What have been your best lessons from this series and/or from today's study?