

JONAH – “The Pouting Prophet” – 4:3-11

INTRODUCTION: Jonah 3:4, 3:10, 4:1

4:3 – Nineveh’s repentance wasn’t because of Jonah – **2:9**

- Jonah doesn’t want to die, but wants Nineveh to die.
- Jonah has his PRIORITIES all wrong.

4:4 – God is GRACIOUS to Jonah – Luke 15:10

- We tend to justify our anger – James 1:19-20
- “*Speak when you are angry, and you will make the best speech you’ll ever regret.*”

4:5 – Jonah hopes Nineveh’s repentance isn’t sincere.

- You don’t have to love someone to give them God’s Word.
- Jonah is more interested in his comfort than in lost souls.
- Some Christians only want those in Church who are just like them.
- Jonah was willing to serve God as long as God was going to do what Jonah wanted God to do.

4:6 – “*prepared*” – see **1:17**

- Just because life is good, doesn’t mean you’re in God’s will.
- Jonah’s “*pet plant*” makes him happy for the first time.

4:7-8 – God doesn’t want to leave us in our wayward condition for too long, or we’ll get to COMFORTABLE outside God’s will.

- Jonah should have had Job’s attitude – Job 1:21

4:9-10 – Same question as in **4:4**.

- You don’t have to love the lost, because, God loves them ... He just tells us to go to them with the Gospel.
- Loving anything more than God, or loving something God doesn’t love, is IDOLATRY.

4:11 – God is more interested in souls – 1 Timothy 1:15

1 What ever happened to JONAH?

2 What ever happened to NINEVEH?

CONCLUSION:

- Do you see some of Jonah in you? Self-centered ... don’t want to share God’s love ... fail to see God’s love for the lost ... majoring on the minor ... not on same page with God.