

God and Country
Jonah: God's Amazing Mercy, part 7
Pastor Craig Ferguson

This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. So he complained to the Lord about it: "Didn't I say before I left home that you would do this, Lord? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people. *Jonah 4:1-2 (NLT)*

hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.

Luke 13:34

(NLT)

Where our plans often conflict with God's

1. A Theological issue: The conflict of love and justice
2. A Personal issue: Remembering grace
3. A Patriotic issue: The relationship of God and country

How should Christians relate to country?

1. God reigns over countries

He builds up nations, and he destroys them. He expands nations, and he abandons them.

Job 22:23 (NLT)

'Well, then,' he said, 'give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God.'
Matthew 22:21 (NLT)

2. Christians influence within countries

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a