

Jonah 4: “Jonah’s Anger and God’s Kindness”

I. Jonah’s Complaint (v.1-3)

A. Jonah’s Anger (v.1)

1. Jonah’s anger is shocking

2. Jonah’s anger is hypocritical

B. Jonah Explains His Rage (v. 2-3)

II. The Lord Responds

A. A Simple Question (v.4)

B. An Object Lesson (v. 5-8)

III. The Lord Responds, Again (v.9-11)

- Reflect on a time when you felt anger towards someone receiving mercy or grace that you believed they did not deserve. What does this reveal about your own understanding of God’s kindness and your heart’s condition? How can you work on transforming that anger into compassion?
- If God were to ask you, “Is it right for you to be angry?” how would you respond? What specific situations or people have you been harboring resentment towards, and how might this attitude be affecting your relationship with God and others?
- Consider how you often prioritize your interests and passions. Are there areas in your life where you find yourself more excited about things that have no eternal value rather than engaging with the spiritual needs of those around you? How can you shift your focus to see people as God sees them?
- Jonah struggled with the idea that God’s mercy extended beyond his own people. In what ways might you have a limited view of God’s grace? How can you cultivate a heart that celebrates God’s mercy for everyone, including those you find difficult to love?
- Reflect on the ways God has been preparing you for His work in the lives of others. Are you actively engaging with those preparations, or are you, like Jonah, running away from them? How can you better align yourself with God’s mission of calling others to repentance and faith in Christ?