

Jonah: God's Heart for People

Character of a Missional Heart

Jonah 4:1-2

Jonah's Indictment

- Jonah 4:1 Strong language in the Hebrew
- Jonah 4:2 Jonah knew these things to be true of God
- Joel 2:13
- Salvation is God's work Jonah 2:9, 4:2

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Gracious & Merciful

- Ps 103:8, Ps 116:5, 2Chron 30:9, Neh 9:17
- Ex 22:27, Ex 34:6
- God has demonstrated by saving Nineveh
- Rom 5:8
- While grace & mercy are part of God's glorious character, they are still His prerogative & God is always right & when He chooses to show justice over mercy
- Jonah 3:9, Ex 33:19

Slow to Anger

- Slow to Anger basically means that God is patient & the most apt & greatest display of that is in response to our sin... Which of course is the context here
- Rom 2:4
- 2Pet 3:9
- Sin will be punished & unrepentant sinners will face God's wrath but only after God has patiently enabled them opportunity to repent

Abundant in Lovingkindness

- Ps 145:9
- Titus 3:3-7
- Lovingkindness in the OT usually implies faithfulness to a relationship & more than just feeling but also encompassing actions and behaviours
- Eph 2:7, Ps 117:2

Relents from Doing Harm

- Jonah 3:10
- Ezek 18:32
- Not the only or 1st time either: Ex 34, 2Sam 24, Amos 7,
- Jer 18:8
- Jer 15:6

The People of God's Heart

- Eph 1:7
- Rom 3:23
- Eph 2:4-9

God's People's Heart

- (Acts 20:24)
- 1Pet 3:15