

LESSON - JONAH 3:1-4:11 (NIV based)

THEME - Characteristics Of Anger

OBJECTIVE - to search for the characteristics and make personal comparisons/applications

READ ALOUD: Chapter 3

CHAPTER 4

v.1 Jonah is angry

v.2 KEY VERSE; cf Exodus 34:6-7; desire to be in control

v.3,8 suicidal tendencies, despondent

v.4 does Jonah have any right to be angry?

v.4-5 can't be reasoned with

v.5 can't see the broader picture, focuses only on the immediate problem; desires to strike back & hurt others, (take revenge?)

vv.5-8 does stupid things: gets a good seat to watch their destruction, physically endangers himself thru exposure

vv.5-9 lives in the immediate present - one minute angry, next happy, next angry

v.6 happy only when personally physically comfortable, when things are going his way

v.8-9 says things he should not

v.8-11 doesn't think clearly - wanted to die over a vine & over repentant sinners

OTHER QUALITIES: selfish, complaining, stubborn, unteachable, depressed, impatient, rebellious, sulking, tantrum

QUESTIONS:

1. What is Jonah's sin in chapters 3-4?
2. Why was Jonah angry? v.4:1-3 Did he have a good reason? vv.4:4,9
3. Why was Jonah angry about the vine? v.4:8-9
4. Why did Jonah want to die? v.4:3

5. Do we ever have a right to be angry at God?

6. What was the principle God was trying to teach Jonah thru the vine? vv.4:10-11

BIG IDEA:

God has compassion on the wicked because they are spiritually blinded. KEY TO GOD'S COMPASSION: v.4:11 - the wicked are spiritually and morally blind

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