



Jonah--The Pouting Prophet

What do you do when God doesn't do to suit you? *Jonah 4:4-9 (Part Two)*

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Review from Last Week

1. Like Jonah, we are all selfish complainers and act like we know better than God does.
2. God is merciful, compassionate, slow to anger, loving and eager not to destroy.



Jonah's Twofold Complaint:

1. Jonah Pouted About God Sparing Nineveh.

Jonah 4:1-3, NLT -¹ This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. ² 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. ³ Just kill me now, LORD! I'd rather be dead than alive if what I predicted will not happen."

2. Jonah Pouted About the Sun's Glare.

Jonah 4:4-11, NLT -⁴ The LORD replied, "Is it right for you to be angry about this?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out to the east side of the city and made a shelter to sit under as he waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶ And the LORD God arranged for a leafy plant to grow there, and soon it spread its broad leaves over Jonah's head, shading him from the sun. This eased his discomfort, and Jonah was very grateful for the plant. ⁷ But God also arranged for a worm! The next morning at dawn the worm ate through the stem of the plant so that it withered away. ⁸ And as the sun

grew hot, God arranged for a scorching east wind to blow on Jonah. The sun beat down on his head until he grew faint and wished to die. "Death is certainly better than living like this!" he exclaimed. ⁹ Then God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry because the plant died?" "Yes," Jonah retorted, "even angry enough to die!" ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "You feel sorry about the plant, though you did nothing to put it there. It came quickly and died quickly. ¹¹ But Nineveh has more than 120,000 people living in spiritual darkness, not to mention all the animals. Shouldn't I feel sorry for such a great city?"

A. The Watch

Jonah 4:4-5, NLT -⁴ The LORD replied, "Is it right for you to be angry about this?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out to the east side of the city and made a shelter to sit under as he waited to see what would happen to the city.

B. The Welcome Vine

Jonah 4:6, NCV -⁶ The LORD made a plant grow quickly up over Jonah, which gave him shade and helped him to be more comfortable. Jonah was very pleased to have the plant.

C. The Worm

Jonah 4:7, NCV -⁷ But the next day when the sun rose, God sent a worm to attack the plant so that it died.

D. The Wind

Jonah 4:8, NASB95 -⁸ When the sun came up God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he became faint and begged with all his soul to die, saying, "Death is better to me than life."

E. The Whining

Jonah 4:9, MSG -⁹ Then God said to Jonah, "What right do you have to get angry about this shade tree?" Jonah said, "Plenty of right. It's made me angry enough to die!"

Jonah 4:10-11, MSG -¹⁰ GOD said, "What's this? How is it that you can change your feelings from pleasure to anger overnight about a mere shade tree that you did nothing to get? You neither planted nor watered it. It grew up one night and died the next night. ¹¹ So, why can't I likewise change what I feel about Nineveh from anger to pleasure, this big city of more than 120,000 childlike people who don't yet know right from wrong, to say nothing of all the innocent animals?"



God cares _____ your heart
says "yes" to His will!

Answers to the sermon, “Jonah—the Pouting Prophet (Part 2)”

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