

JONAH

A Study about the Heart of Man
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What Really Matters

God's Great Compassion Jonah 4:10-11

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Review from Last Week

1. God will never let you off.
2. God will never let you go.
3. God will never let you down.
4. God cares "why" your heart says "yes" to His will.



Only a Few Things Truly Matter

1. The Rebuke

Jonah 4:10, TLB -¹⁰ *Then the Lord said, "You feel sorry for yourself when your shelter is destroyed, though you did no work to put it there, and it is, at best, short-lived...."*

God rebukes Jonah for his concern of a vine—that doesn't matter.

2. The Revelation

Jonah 4:11, GNB -¹¹ *How much more, then, should I have pity on Nineveh, that great city. After all, it has more than 120,000 innocent children in it, as well as many animals!"*

God reveals to Jonah His compassion for a city—that does matter.

I value all things only by the price they shall gain in eternity.

- John Wesley

JONAH - Life Application Section

What We Learn from The Book of Jonah

1. God Loves PEOPLE.
2. God's plan for saving people involves PEOPLE.
3. God's willing to do whatever it takes to save PEOPLE.
4. God cares **WHETHER, WHEN, WHERE and WHY your heart says "yes" to His will.**

We Should Pray...

"Lord, help me to pay attention to what really matters. Let my sole focus be on You. Lord, make me an obedient servant. Lord, help me to stop running to Tarshish. Lord, help me to be a part of Your plan for this world. Help me to be a faithful servant. Help me to be a witness for You. Help me to tell others of Your love. Help me value all things only by the price they shall gain in eternity. Lord, please don't send a great fish my way."



A Final Word about Our World—Post Election

1. Our God is still on His Throne.

Live for the long run. Ten thousand millennia after the next presidential administration is forgotten, Jesus' reign will have only begun. So refuse to fear the future. Instead, declare with the psalmist, "*The LORD is the stronghold of my life.*" Then you can ask, "*Of whom shall I be afraid?*" (Psalm 27:1).

2. Our world is still going to change.

Circle November 9 on your calendar and write upon it the words: "Our Great God rules the world."
- Dr. Max Lucado

3. Our understanding of what **truly matters*** is still vital.

**What matters is the salvation of all people.*