

Sermon Scripture Passage: Jonah 4

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. 2 And he prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. 3 Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." 4 And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

5 Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. 6 Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." 9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." 10 And the Lord said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

Scripture References:

James 1:19-20 - *Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

2 Corinthians 5:10 – *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*

Romans 6:5 - *For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*

Romans 8:1 - *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

Luke 9:54-55 - *And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" 55 But he turned and rebuked them. 56 And they went on to another village.*

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 - *For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.*

East Glenville Church – Sermon Notes Handout – September 19th 2021
Jonah: The Runaway Prophet #5 – Jonah 4:1-11 – The Angry Prophet

How would you expect a prophet to react to a large number of people turning to the Lord?

4:1 – Jonah reacts to Nineveh’s repentance by becoming _____ and _____

4:2 – *What do we learn about Jonah’s reason for running from God?*

4:3-4 – In the heat of the moment our anger feels _____

What does James 1:20 say about our anger?

4:5 – Jonah is waiting for an ‘I told you so moment!’ He wants to be proven _____!

4:6-8 – *What do you think the Lord is trying to teach Jonah through the plant?*

4:9-11 – God makes his point:

Jonah had _____ for a plant but not for a whole city of people.

Jonah did not make the plant, but God did make and know each _____ in Nineveh

The plant lasted but a single day, but the people in the city are _____ beings.

What does the idea that they do not know their right _____ from their left, signify?

What does it signify that the book of Jonah ends with a _____?

Genesis 19 - Compare Jonah’s attitude toward Nineveh, with Abraham’s toward _____.

Jonah 4 points to a shift from facing Judgment as a nation to facing Judgment as an _____

2 Cor. 5:10 – All people will face the Judgment seat of Christ to but for _____ one’s behavior.

Compare Jonah’s ending with the end of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, Luke 15:31-32

Sermon Handout Answers:

Fill in the Blank Answers:

- *Sullen*
- *Angry*

4:2 – *What do we learn about Jonah's reason for running from God?*

- *It wasn't fear, instead Jonah did not want Nineveh to receive mercy!*

- *Justified*
- *Pity or compassion*
- *Person*
- *Eternal*
- *Hand*
- *Question*

What does it signify that the book of Jonah ends with a _____?

- We are to put ourselves in the position of Jonah and consider whether we harbor the same attitude in our hearts as he did.

- *Sodom*
- *Individual*
- *Each*

Compare Jonah's ending with the end of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, Luke 15:31-32

- They both end with a person being challenged as to whether they will join God in having compassion for people or stand distant from God and desire Judgment to fall upon people.