JONAH

God's Problem Child



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PART 5: JONAH RUNS AGAINST GOD

Key Verse: Shouldn't I feel sorry for such a great city?" Jonah 4:11

1. JONAH COMPLAINS ABOUT GOD'S _____



"But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ² And he prayed to the LORD and said, <u>'O LORD</u>, is not this what I said when I was <u>yet in my country?</u> That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and <u>merciful</u>, 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?' (4:1-4)

2. JONAH COMPLAINS ABOUT GOD'S _____

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, <u>God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered</u>. 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, '<u>It is better for me to die than to live</u>.' (4:5-8)

3. JONAH CONFRONTED BY GOD'S _____

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. <u>Shouldn't I feel sorry for such a great city</u>?" (4:9-11 NLT)

FIVE WAYS TO KEEP YOUR WORSHIP FRESH

(Isa. 29:13 NLT)

Worship is the activity of glorifying God in his presence with our voices and hearts (Grudem) 1. WE ARE TO WORSHIP GOD _____ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. (Matt. 6:6 ESV) 2. WE ARE TO WORSHIP GOD Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker, (Ps. 95:6 NLT) Let us go to the sanctuary of the LORD; let us worship at the footstool of his throne. (Ps. 132:7 NLT) 3. WE ARE TO WORSHIP GOD _____ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (Jn. 4:24 ESV) 4. WE ARE WORSHIP GOD _____ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (Deut. 6:5 ESV) And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' (Mk. 12:30 ESV) 5. WE ARE TO WORSHIP GOD _____ And so the Lord says, "These people say they are mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. And their worship of me is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote.