

ANGRY ABOUT THE GRACE OF GOD

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Jonah 3:10 (ESV) (10) When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Grace Lesson 7: Praise God that grace is God's _____, and the _____ of God is His unusual work.

Jonah 4:1–4 (ESV) (1) 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?"

God Lesson: God is inviting Jonah, and you and I, to share His _____, even people we dislike.

Matthew 5:43–48 (ESV) (43) "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' (44) But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, (45) so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. (46) For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? (47) And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? (48) You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Nowhere in the Bible does God give us permission to _____ anyone.

Instead of seeking to _____ upon our foes, we _____ for them.

Jonah 4:5–8 (ESV) (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."

Jonah 4:9–11 (ESV) (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?”

Grace Lesson 8: God will allow us to _____ about our situation, but He does not want us to _____ in it.

Jonah - Summary

GRACE LESSONS

- 1) God’s grace does not have room for a me versus you attitude.**
- 2) God will allow you to run, but He will not allow you to run away.**
- 3) Running from God is ridiculous. Repentance is a grace.**
- 4) God’s grace is demonstrated through His patience.**
- 5) The discipline of God is His patient grace giving you the opportunity to stop blaming others, own your choices, repent and submit to God.**
- 6) The God of grace offers second chances, for the benefit of helping others get a second chance.**
- 7) Praise God that grace is God’s first choice, and the wrath of God is His unusual work.**
- 8) God will allow us to whine about circumstances, but He does not want us to wallow in them.**

LIFE QUESTIONS

- 1) Like Jonah, are you willing to be honest about your relationship to God?**
- 2) If God vocalized the bigotry of your heart, how would you respond?**
- 3) How willingly do you receive and respond to God’s discipline?**
- 4) Do you have some Jonah (partial obedience) in you?**
- 5) Is it time to stop wallowing in your situation and submit to and trust God?**

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