

THE BOOK OF JONAH

Heart Check: Do I Extend Anger or Mercy?

JONAH 4:1-11 ♦ LORD'S DAY 20 ♦ 05.15.22 ♦ PASTOR BOB JOHNSON

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Jonah was greatly **displeased** and became **furiously**.

The art of being selfish: wanting grace only for yourself. [4:2-3]

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I know that you are **a gracious** and **compassionate** God, **slow to anger**,
abounding in faithful love, and one who **relents from sending disaster**.
And now, Lord, take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."

Is it right for you to be angry? [4:4]

Forget being a partner in mission, I'm a bleacher bum. [4:5]

He made himself a shelter there and sat in the shade **to see what would happen** to the city.

God uses a fish and a plant, to teach a powerful lesson. [4:6]

Then the Lord **God appointed a plant**, and it grew over Jonah to provide shade for his head to rescue him from his trouble. Jonah was greatly pleased with the plant.

Would the worm teach an ungrateful man he was a worm? [4:7-8]

God **appointed a worm** that attacked the plant, and it withered.
God **appointed** a scorching east wind.
Jonah said, "It's better for me to die than to live."

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred Head for such a worm as I?

Is it right for you to be angry about the plant? [4:9]

Will we be a lover of plants or people? [4:10-11]

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