



## “GOD IN THE HANDS OF AN ANGRY SINNER”

Series: “JONAH SERIES”, Part 4 of 4

Sunday, June 25, 2023 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Jonah 4:1-11

**Big Idea: We welcome second chances for ourselves, but we don't always wish them for others.**

Jonah 4:1, But it greatly displeased Jonah, and he became angry. {NASV}

Jonah 4:2-3, And he prayed to the Lord and said, “Please Lord, was not this what I said while I was still in my own country? Therefore, in order to forestall this I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that Thou art a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity. Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for death is better to me than life.” {NASV}

Jonah 4:3-4, “Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for death is better to me than life.” And the Lord said, “Do you have good reason to be angry?” {NASV}

Jonah 4:5, Then Jonah went out from the city and sat east of it. There he made a shelter for himself and sat under it in the shade until he could see what would happen in the city. {NASV}

Jonah 4:6, “So the Lord God appointed a plant and it grew up over Jonah to be a shade over his head to deliver him from his discomfort. And Jonah was extremely happy about the plant.

Jonah 4:7-8, But God appointed a worm when dawn came the next day, and it attacked the plant and it withered. 8 And it came about when the sun came up that God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he became faint and begged with all his soul to die, saying, “Death is better to me than life.”

Proverbs 3:12, Because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

Jonah 4:9-11, Then God said to Jonah, “Do you have good reason to be angry about the plant?” And he said, “I have good reason to be angry, even to death.” Then the Lord said,

“You had compassion on the plant for which you did not work, and which you did not cause to grow, which came up overnight and perished overnight. And should I not have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know the difference between their right and left hand, as well as many animals?” {NASV}

## **I. HOW DO YOU FEEL WHEN PEOPLE YOU DON'T LIKE RECEIVE GRACE?**

Luke 15:29b, “Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders.”

1 Timothy 1:15-16, Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.

1 Timothy 1:17, Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

## **II. HOW WELL DO YOU DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE PERMANENT AND THE PERISHING?**