

Jonah - The Prophet On The Run

Running Into God; Jonah Chapter 4

The response of the people of Nineveh to the warning of Jonah sparked a revival.

Jonah's surprising response included:

Happy for the vine

Pity party - visions of only self.

Wailing away...bemoaning the fact that God was gracious to the Ninevites.

Jonah had a problem with the seemingly unfairness of God's grace.

Similarities with the parable of the Prodigal Sons (Luke 15):

...Both Jonah and the elder son forgot that

unequal treatment does not mean **unfair** treatment.

...Both Jonah and the elder son forgot

that they did not **deserve** God's love.

...Both Jonah and the elder brother were left

outside looking at the great celebration.

What was the question posed by God with which the story ends

and what is the obvious answer?

...and should I not have compassion on Nineveh?

...Yes, God should have.

Sunday Sermon Outline

Unison Reading:

Ephesians 2: As for me,

I was dead in my transgressions and sins,

in which I used to live

when I followed the ways of this world

and the ruler of the kingdom of the air,

the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

I also lived among them at one time,

gratifying the cravings of my sinful nature

and following its desires and thoughts.

Like the rest, I was by nature an object of wrath.

But because of his great love for us,

God, who is rich in mercy made me alive with Christ

even when I was dead in transgressions -

It is by grace I have been saved.

And God raised me up with Christ and seated me

with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

In order that in the coming ages he might show the

incomparable riches of his grace,

expressed in His kindness to me in Christ Jesus.

For it is by grace I have been saved through faith

and this is not from myself, it is a gift of God

so that I cannot boast.