

“The Tenacity of God’s Gracious Mercy” 6/7/09

Jonah 1:1-16

"For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." (Rom 15:4)

"Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come." (1Cor 10:11)

POINT 1- The tenacity of God’s Mercy is unlimited in its EXTENT

- A. The extent of God’s mercy is given to a reluctant PROPHET (“Flee from God’s presence” 3 X; v. 3, 10; Isaiah 55:2; Luke 15)
- B. The extent of God’s mercy is given to those fleeing to the WORLD (James 4:4; 1 John 2:15; John 15:19; Romans 8:7)
- C. The extent of God’s mercy is given to those who DESECRATE IT (Romans 2:4; 3:8; 6:1-15; false sense of security)
- D. The extent of God’s mercy is given to ALL who fear HIM (Psalm 5:7; 33:8; 103:11, 17; 118:4; 147:11; Luke 1:50)

"And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation." (Luke 1:50)

Jonah’s symptoms: 1) Lack of prayer; 2) absence of joy and praise; 3) False peace; 4) lack of sensitivity to personal sin; 5) rejected accountability; 6) lack of sensitivity to sin hurting others; 7) lack of compassion for others; 8) Disobedience to God’s clear commands

Going Deeper God wants you to recognize the ways in which you are fleeing Him!

POINT 2- The tenacity of God’s mercy is evidenced in its VICTORY

- A. The victory of God’s mercy is accomplished in the WILLING
- B. The victory of God’s mercy is accomplished in the UNWILLING (Philippians 1:6; Psalm 115:3; Hebrews 12:4-14; Daniel 4)

"So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11)

Going Deeper God wants you repent of these and to appreciate His Mercy!