

“The Sovereign Distribution of God’s Gracious Mercy” 7/05/09

Jonah 4:1-11

Jonah 1- God’s Tenacious Mercy

Jonah 2- God’s Mercy needs to be embraced... it endures forever

Jonah 3- The extent of God’s mercy

Jonah 4- God gives His mercy to whom HE chooses. Israel was ethnocentric

“But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.” (Psalm 115:3)

“For He says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.” (Romans 9:15)

POINT 1- The sovereign distribution of God’s mercy is REJECTED

JONAH’S RESPONSE TO GOD- Vv. 1-5; would we pray for someone who murdered our family?

A. The rejection of God’s choices was rooted in ANGER
(Psalm 103:19; 135:6; Daniel 4:35; Isaiah 55:7-9; Eph 4:26-27)

Construction zone email; KG mad at God for her kids; DISTORTS our PRAYERS

B. The rejection of God’s choices was rooted in SELF-JUSTIFICATION
(He accused God of being God! Exodus 34:6-7)

Giving excuses for why we sin... Spouse wasn’t there for me, I wasn’t paid enough

C. The rejection of God’s choices was rooted in MANIPULATION
(“Fine... I want to die.” Compare 2:3 where he asked for life!)

What power struggles are you currently engaging God in? Are you resisting loving/sacrificing for your wife? Submitting to you husband? Obeying parents? Responding to the call to serve? Modifying your music habits? TV habits? Language? How you dress? Staying pure? What justifications are you making?

Going God wants us to repent and submit to His will!

Deeper

POINT 2- The sovereign distribution of God’s mercy is ILLUSTRATED

GODS RESPONSE TO JONAH- Vv. 6-11

A. The illustration of God’s mercy demonstrates Jonah’s HYPOCRISY

B. The illustration of God’s mercy demonstrates Jonah’s STUBBORNNESS

C. The illustration of God’s mercy demonstrates Jonah’s DEFEAT

DOUBLE SIDED COIN

Going God wants us to participate in His concern for those He desires to reach!

Deeper (2 Timothy 2:10; 2 Peter 3:9; **Matthew 20:1-16**)

How many people have you shared the gospel with or initiated a spiritual conversation with in the last month? If not, why? If God can use Jonah for the biggest revival in the OT then God can use you!