

The Pouting, Pitiful Prophet Jonah 4:5-11

I. **Jonah preferred condemnation over compassion (5).**

Psalm 145:8-9: The LORD *is gracious and full of compassion*, slow to anger and great in mercy. The LORD *is good to all*, and His tender mercies *are over all His works*.

II. **Jonah preferred comfort over compassion (6-8).**

Matthew 16:24: Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, **let him deny himself**, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

Romans 15:1-3: We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, **and not to please ourselves**. Let each of us please *his* neighbor for *his* good, leading to edification. **For even Christ did not please Himself**; but as it is written, "*The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.*"

III. **Jonah preferred creation over compassion (9-11).**

A. **He did not understand God's sovereign power in creation (9-10).**

Psalm 36:6: Your righteousness *is* like the great mountains; Your judgments *are* a great deep; **O LORD, You preserve man and beast.**

Matthew 10:29: Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And **not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.**

B. **He did not understand God's sovereign grace to creation (11).**

Romans 9:14-16: What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! 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.*" So then *it is* not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.