

JONAH



**Faith is more clearly expressed in the way
we live than in what we claim to believe.**



Chapter 1 – Jonah is in Israel, then in the sea

Chapter 2 – Jonah is in the fish

Chapter 3 – Jonah is in Nineveh

Chapter 4 – Jonah is outside Nineveh



GOD PROVIDED



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Jonah, an opportunity

A great fish



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Deliverance from the great fish

Grace to the Ninevites



Jonah 4:1-2 NIV

But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD, “Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to prevent by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.”



Exodus 34:6-7 NIV

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the **compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,** ⁷ maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”



Numbers 14:18 NIV

“The LORD is **slow to anger, abounding in love** and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”



Nehemiah 9:17 NIV

“They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles you performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery. But you are a forgiving God, **gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love**. Therefore you did not desert them...”



Psalm 86:15 NIV

But you, Lord, are a **compassionate and gracious God,**
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.



Psalm 103:8 NIV

The LORD is **compassionate and gracious,**
slow to anger, abounding in love.



Psalm 145:8 NIV

The LORD is **gracious and compassionate,**
slow to anger and rich in love.



Joel 2:13 NIV

Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is **gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love**, and he relents from sending calamity.



Jonah 4:3 NIV

“Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”



I Kings 19:3-4 NIV

Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."



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The deepest things that I have learned in my own life have come from the deepest suffering. And out of the deepest waters and the hottest fires have come the deepest things that I know about God. It is in those darkest valleys that God reveals himself in ways we could not have known him otherwise.

Elisabeth Elliot



Jonah 4:4 NIV

But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”



Jonah 4:5 NIV

Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city.



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A leafy plant



Jonah 4:6 NIV

Then the LORD **God provided** a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was **very happy about the plant**.



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A worm



Jonah 4:7 NIV

But at dawn the next day **God provided** a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered.



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A leafy plant

A worm

A scorching east wind



Jonah 4:8-9 NIV

When the sun rose, **God provided** a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" "It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."



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Perspective



Jonah 4:10-11 NIV

But the LORD said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹ And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”



Disobedience Leads to Descent



**Jonah was right in his doctrine,
but wrong in his response.**



**My heart should mirror
the heart of God.**





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To myself this incident was profoundly sad and full of significance, suggesting a far more mournful reality. Were not those fishermen actually guilty of this poor man's death, in that they had the means of saving him at hand, if they would but have used them? Assuredly they were guilty. And yet, let us pause before we pronounce judgement against them. Lest a greater than Nathan answer, "Thou art the man." Is it so hardhearted, so wicked a thing to neglect to save a body? Of how much sorer punishment, then, is he who leaves the soul to perish, and Cain-like says, "Am I my brother's keeper?"





The Lord Jesus commands, commands me, commands you, “Go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.” Shall we say to Him, “No, it is not convenient?” Shall we tell Him that we are too busy fishing and cannot go? That we have purchased five yoke of oxen, or have married, or are engaged in other and more interesting pursuits, and cannot go? Let us remember, “we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ.”

- Hudson Taylor

