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JONAH
Our God of Relentless Grace

What Disturbs Us Defines Us

Jonah 4:9-11

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Our God of Relentless Grace: Sermon Series on Jonah

What Disturbs Us Defines Us

Jonah 4:9–11

Our text illustrates our struggle with the wicked who repent, who may not be repentant for long. Grace then seems wasted. But here we see God's character and love for all nations. All of us face impending doom, but the Eternal Judge relents when we repent. This is the relentless grace of the main character of the book:

1. The Absurdity of Selfish Anger [v. 9]

- Jonah was more disturbed by losing personal comfort from a plant than by the spiritual welfare of an entire city. Since Jonah cannot annihilate the Ninevites himself, he wants to die instead and says so three times (Jonah 4:3, 8, 9).
- Jonah was conflicted about grace. He didn't want to live under the reality of that grace to others (4:1–3), but neither was he prepared to live his life without it (4:7–9). Do we seek grace that we cannot bear to see given to others?

2. The Asymmetry of Misplaced Affection [v. 10]

- The Lord rebuked Jonah for his inappropriate compassion for a plant. He had no right to make any claims regarding the plant, which had been a gift of grace.

3. The Amazing Grace of God [v.11]

- God is leading Jonah to this: *"Jonah, if you feel concerned about the death of a plant you didn't create, shouldn't I be compassionate about the death of people and animals I did create?"*
- Why does God allow wickedness and violence to persist in the world? Because God allows for the possibility of redeeming the wicked through repentance. The world will be a place where the potential for great evil goes on, precisely because God patiently awaits the salvation of sinners (2 Peter 3:9).
- God bears upon Himself the evil of wicked Nineveh. He bears the weight of its violence, the pain of a thousand plundered cities, including Israel. But God chooses to suffer in place of sinners. Someday He will even choose to die (2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 5:8).

FINAL THOUGHTS

Jonah perceived his error and then wrote this autobiographical account to urge Israel to flee from her disobedience and spiritual callousness. Like prophet, like nation.

God gave us this book not to feel smug or superior to Jonah, but to show us that even the great prophets are just like us, and we like them. By God's grace, may our hearts delight in the same things He delights in, and our hearts be broken by what breaks His. ■



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Ang Kahabagan ng Diyos Para sa Lahat ng Bayan

Jonah 4:9–11

Nagpapatuloy tayo sa aral na ibinigay ng Diyos kay Jonah tungkol sa Kanyang kahabagan para sa Nineveh. Malalim ang pagka Hudyo ni Jonah at malalim din ang paninindigan niya na dapat puksain ng Diyos ang mga bayan na kalaban nito (Genesis 12:3). Dahil dito, matindi ang kanyang galit sa kahabagan na ipinakita ng Diyos sa isang lungsod na mortal na kaaway ng Israel (Jonah 4:2–3).

1. ANG MAKASARILING GALIT NI JONAH DAHIL SA ISANG HALAMAN, v. 9

- Ang tanong ng Diyos ay nararapat bang magalit si Jonah sa pagkamatay ng isang halamang pinatubo ng Panginoon sa tabi niya upang magbigay ng panandaliang lilim (Jonah 4:6–7).
- Ang sagot ni Jonah ay puno ng paghihimagsik sa ginagawa ng Diyos. Muli na naman niyang ninais na mamatay na lang kaysa sa tanggapin ang kalooban ng Diyos (Jonah 4:3, 8).
- Ang Diyos ay banal at walang bahid ng kasamaan (Habakkuk 1:13). Walang karapatan si Jonah na ituring na kasamaan ang pagpapatawad ng Diyos sa isang bayang nagsisi at nagbagong buhay (Jeremiah 18:7-8). Nais niyang pakitaan siya ng kagandahang loob ng Diyos, ngunit ayaw niya itong ibigay sa Nineveh (Ephesians 4:32).
- Ang lahat ng itinutulot ng Diyos sa buhay natin ay mabuti (Romans 8:28), at hindi natin dapat na ikasama ng loob kailanman ang Kanyang kalooban sa atin.

2. ANG MAPAGPALANG KAHABAGAN NG DIYOS PARA SA ISANG BAYAN, v. 10–11

- Ang tanong ng Panginoon kay Jonah ay may taglay na na kasagutan. Dapat binigyan ni Jonah ng mas higit na halaga ang isang buong bayan na daang-libo ang mamamayan, kaysa sa isang halaman na siya lang ang nabeneepisuhan.
- Ang Diyos ay laging may takdang layunin sa lahat ng Kanyang nilolool (Isaiah 46:10). Ang pagpapatawad Niya sa Nineveh ay may hangganan. Darating din ang panahon ng pagbagsak ng hatol ng Diyos sa kanila (Nahum 3:5–7). Maaaring sinuspinde Niya muna ito upang mabigyan din ng pagkakataon ang Israel na magsisi, bago sila okupahin ng Assyria (2 Kings 15:29).
- Ang pagpapatawad ng Diyos sa mga taga Nineveh ay may katapat na bayad-sala, at ito ay ang pagsakripisyo sa krus ng mas higit na Jonah—ang ating Panginoong Hesus! (Romans 3:25)

Natapos nang bitin ang aklat na ito. Hindi natin matiyak tuloy kung ano ang naging tugon ni Jonah sa pagtutuwid ng Diyos. Pero malinaw na ipinasulat ng Diyos ito upang ipamukha sa Israel ang kanyang pagiging hipokrito—natingang bayan ng Diyos ngunit sumasamba sa diyos-diyosan at hindi sumusunod sa Kanyang mga kautusan. Ito ay para sa atin din. Isang hamon na maging tapat sa ating pagiging tunay na Kristiyano. ■



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WORSHIP WITH US AT GCF ORTIGAS

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM English
10:30 AM English
Auditorium B

3:00 PM Filipino
5:30 PM English
Auditorium A

SATURDAYS

5:30 PM Traditional
Auditorium B

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM
Ortigas Community Worship
GCF Chapel, Ground Floor

■ Livestream is available during the
10:30 AM and 3:00 PM Sunday
Services. The recording of the
Traditional Service will be streamed
on Sundays at 5:30 PM.

KIDS on SUNDAYS

8:00 AM, Kids L.I.F.E. Sunday School
3:00 PM, Ages 2–6 • Toddler's Center
5:30 PM Ages 7–12 • 4th Floor
10:30 AM Ages 2–3 • Toddler's Center
Ages 4–12 • 4th Floor

All ages 13 and above, worship with your parents at the Auditorium

YOUTH on SATURDAYS

4:00 PM Youth L.I.V.E. Discipleship Gathering
For ages 13 to 20 • Fellowship Hall

YOUNG ADULTS on FRIDAYS

7:00 PM YA Fridays
For ages 20s to 40s • Fellowship Hall

BIBLE STUDY on SUNDAYS

9:30 AM Sunday Bible School (SBS)
Open to all • GCF Chapel
9:30 AM "Like Jesus" Youth Bible Study
For all high school students • Room B406
9:30 AM Men's Growth Group Express
Open to all men • Room A109

PRAYER HOUR on THURSDAYS

8:00 PM GCF Family's Hour of Prayer
Open to all • Online via Zoom
Zoom link: bit.ly/GCFHourOfPrayer
Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763 • Passcode: 984990

OUTREACH on WEDNESDAYS

5:30 PM Ortigas Community Outreach
Open to all • Fellowship Hall

TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

*Share this with your friends and
family who need to know Christ!*

THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is holy, pure, and just. He rightfully and righteously judges and punishes all sin.

*"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!" (Isaiah 6:3)*

*"Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify
your name? For you alone are holy."
(Revelation 15:4)*

THE CRISIS WE FACE

We all have failed God's standard and face God's righteous judgment.

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory
of God..." (Romans 3:23)*

*"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven
against all ungodliness and unrighteousness
of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress
the truth." (Romans 1:18)*

THE CALL OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus is God's only way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God. He took the judgment for our sins on the Cross, and whoever comes to Christ for forgiveness, He gives new life and an eternal relationship with God.

*"Jesus said 'I am the way, and the truth, and
the life. No one comes to the Father except
through me.'" (John 14:6)*

*"For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)*

"The Lord Jesus is calling out to us: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28–30)

WHAT MUST WE DO?

Come to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and salvation:

*"Lord Jesus, be merciful to me—a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for
my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen."*

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT GCF ORTIGAS

QUESTIONS ABOUT GCF ORTIGAS?

Want to join a Growth Group? Looking to apply for church membership? Curious about the various ministries? Visit the new INFO HUB at the Lobby.

ARE YOU HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

We would love to connect with you after every Worship Service. Our pastors and team are excited to meet you! Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor or reach out to us at gcf.link/GCFWelcome

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If you need Biblical counseling, we are here to help. Call the GCF ERCC Hotline at 0917 532 7794.

Wetfoot International Short-Term Missions Discipleship

August 12–19 (Wed to Wed)

Pray for the Wetfoot team who will be going to Mahasarakham, Thailand
For more details on how to support the team, email missions@gcf.org.ph

How to Grow Classes

Started **July 12** 12:00 NN – 2:30 PM
until **August 23** Room A303, 2nd Floor (for Men)
(7 Sundays) Room B302, 3rd Floor (for Women)
Register now via gcf.link/HowToGrow

Shaking Hands with Mind Health and Renewal:

Understanding the Mind and the Various Influences and Threats to its Development, Health and Fortitude

August 1 9:00 AM – 12:00 NN
(Saturday) Fellowship Hall, Ground Floor
Register now via gcf.link/ShakingHands
Open to all

Biblical Portrait of Marriage (Part 2)

August 1 and 8 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
(Saturdays) Room BM07-08,
Mezzanine Floor

August 15 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
(Saturday) Youth Center, 6th Floor

Featured topics: In-Laws, Money, Sex, Romance, Communication, & Loyalty
Registration fee: P150/person
For dating, engaged, and married couples
Register now via gcf.link/BPOM

Maalaala Mo Kaya?

Alzheimer's Disease and Its Prevention

August 8 9:00–11:30 AM
(Saturday) Fellowship Hall, Ground Floor
Resource Speaker:
Dr. Ida Sibayan, Internist-Geriatrician
Open to all, not just seniors!
Register now via gcf.link/SeniorsHealthForum2

Witnessing As A Way of Life

Evangelism Explosion Training

From August 23 to October 25 2:45–5:30 PM
(10 Sundays) Fellowship Hall, Ground Floor
Register now via bit.ly/GCF-WWLSignUp

Women's Monthly Bible Studies

August 15 **Naomi Women (for widows)**
(Saturday) 9:00 AM – 12:00 NN
Fellowship Hall, Ground Floor
Pre-register via gcf.link/Naomi

August 15 **SHE (for single women)**
(Saturday) 10:30 AM – 12:00 NN
Room B122, Ground Floor
Pre-register via gcf.link/SHEBrunchFellowship

August 15 **SupaMoms (for single moms)**
(Saturday) 1:00–4:00 PM
Room BM02-BM03, Mezzanine Floor
Pre-register via gcf.link/SupaMoms

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Jesus' Commitment to Prayer in the Gospel of Luke

The Gospel of Luke beautifully highlights Jesus' deep commitment to prayer. Luke records Jesus spending time with His Father at every major turning point in His life.

At His baptism: *"Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened..."* (Luke 3:21)

After performing miracles: *"But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray."* (Luke 5:16)

Before choosing His disciples: *"In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve..."* (Luke 6:12–13)

To teach us: Jesus gave His disciples the ultimate model for prayer, popularly known as the "Our Father" or The Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:1–4).

In His anguish: In the Garden of Gethsemane, He cried out to His Father: *"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."* (Luke 22:42)

On the cross:

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."
(Luke 23:34)

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" (Luke 23:46)

If Jesus, the Son of God, needed to pray through every major decision, trial, and daily moment, how much more do we? Don't wait for a crisis—bring your whole life to the Father in prayer. ■

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