

Merciful God & Miserable Prophet

(Jonah 4:4-11)



“Jonah’s hatred for his enemy was so great that he even resented the nature of God.”

– D.A. Carson

Philippians 2:13

13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.



(How God patiently works on Jonah) -

I. Confronts Jonah (4 & 5).

Matthew 5:8

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.



(How God patiently works on Jonah) -

I. Confronts Jonah (4 & 5).

- Personal growth involves the hard task of examining my own heart.

Psalm 139:23 & 24

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts;

24 And see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.



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- Unrighteous anger has a singular focus on self.



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III. Reveals what is true about God, but not about Jonah.

Psalm 72:13

13 He will have compassion on the poor and needy, and the lives of the needy he will save.

Psalm 103:13

13 Just as a father has compassion on *his* children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

Isaiah 55:7

7 Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, and He will have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Matthew 14:14

14 When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick.



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- Webster: Sorrow for the suffering, or trouble of another or others, accompanied by an urge to help.