

THE RELUCTANT MISSIONARY:
QUESTIONING GOD'S WILL
(Jonah 4:1-11)

- I. Jonah's ANGER (4:1-3)
 - A. FURIOUS with God for showing MERCY to his ENEMIES
 - B. Asked God to TAKE HIS LIFE
- II. God's MERCY (4:4)
 - A. Asked Jonah to EVALUATE his RESPONSE
 - B. Gave Jonah an OPPORTUNITY to REPENT
- III. Jonah's PETULANCE (4:5)
 - A. Responded with SILENCE
 - B. Watched to see if GOD would OBEY HIM
- IV. God's GRACE (4:6a)
 - A. Caused a PLANT to grow for SHADE
 - B. COMFORTED Jonah in his DISTRESS
- V. Jonah's IDOLATRY (4:6b)
 - A. PLEASED only by his own PLEASURE
 - B. Assumed God would DO THINGS JONAH'S WAY
- VI. God's CHASTENING (4:7-8)
 - A. REMOVED the source of Jonah's PLEASURE

- B. Sent WIND and HEAT to WEAKEN Jonah
 - C. Gave Jonah further opportunity to REPENT of his ANGER
- VII. Jonah's TANTRUM (4:9)
- A. Insisted he had a RIGHT to be ANGRY
 - B. Explained either that he was ANGRY ENOUGH to die or that he'd STAY ANGRY UNTIL he died
- VIII. God's FINAL REPROOF (4:10-11)
- A. Rebuked Jonah's SELF-CONCERN
 - B. Rebuked Jonah's LACK of COMPASSION
- IX. Lessons
- A. Beware the hypocrisy of REJOICING in God's mercy to YOU while RESENTING His mercy to OTHERS
 - B. Beware EXCUSING your sin because God permits your COMFORT
 - C. Beware finding more joy in PERSONAL COMFORT than in God's TRANSFORMATION of OTHERS
 - D. Beware expecting God to be ACCOUNTABLE to YOU
 - E. Learn to TRUST God and OBEY Him
 - F. Whatever is accomplished by the PROCLAMATION of God's Word is the WORK of GOD