

# For Pity's Sake

## JONAH FOR GROWN-UPS

Jonah 2:9 (NKJ) *But I will sacrifice to You; With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord*

Jonah 4:4 (NKJ) *Then the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"*

Jonah 4:4 (ESV) *And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?"*

Jonah 3:4 (NIV) *Forty more days and Ninevah will be overthrown!*

Hosea 7:8 (KJV) *Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not **turned**.*

Lamentations 4:6 (NIV) *The punishment of my people is greater than that of Sodom, which was **overthrown** in a moment without a hand turned to help her.*

Psalms 30:11 (NLT) *You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy,*

Jonah 4:5 (NKJ) *So Jonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city.*

Jonah 4:5 (NKJ) *There he made himself a shelter and sat under it in the shade....*

Jonah 4:5 (NKJ) *...till he might see what would become of the city.*

Jonah 4:6 (ESV) *Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant.*

Jonah 4:7 (ESV) *But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered.*

Jonah 4:8 (ESV) *When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint.*

Jonah 4:8 (YLT) *...and asketh his soul to die, and saith, 'Better [is] my death than my life.'*

Jonah 4:9 (ESV) *But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?"*

Jonah 4:9 (ESV) *And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die."*

God can't get \_\_\_\_\_ with you until you get \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.

Jonah 4:10 (ESV) *And the Lord said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night.*

Jonah 4:11 (ESV) *And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"*

We are blessed to be a \_\_\_\_\_, and sometimes we are given \_\_\_\_\_ for the same reason.

Genesis 12:1-2 (ESV) *Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.*

Luke 19:10 (NLT) *For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.*

Many of our frustrations are \_\_\_\_\_.

God cares more about the Lost than about "\_\_\_\_\_".

## QUESTIONS FOR US

What has God called us to be or do that puts us into a contest of \_\_\_\_\_ with Him?

Was our conversion a radical \_\_\_\_\_ from self-centered willfulness or an effort to recruit God to help us accomplish \_\_\_\_\_ goals?

Are there people we \_\_\_\_\_ loving or caring for because of their contradiction of our values, beliefs, or lifestyle?

Do we ever get so committed to our predictions of what some people or groups deserve that we take on the responsibility, actively or in thought, to \_\_\_\_\_ their punishment?

Who in our lives needs God's \_\_\_\_\_ through us?