

Minor Prophets: Jonah

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I. Introduction.

- A. There was a great consequence to Jonah's preaching—the conversion of Nineveh.
- B. The theme, however, is dealing with Jonah. God had a far greater time dealing with Jonah than with Nineveh. God often has a harder time dealing with a stiff-necked Christian than a nonbeliever.
- C. Text: Jonah 4.

II. Jonah did not want revival for Nineveh because he was proud.

- A. Jonah did not want God involved in Nineveh because Nineveh was his enemy.
- B. There is a time when people need to take precedence over patriotism.

III. Jonah did not have the heart of God, so he preferred death.

IV. Instructions.

A. Indirect.

1. God is the one who gives good things and joys in life.
2. God is the one who gives judgment as well.
3. When people begin to dwell on a thing, they will become miserable.
4. If a person depends on situations for joy, he will be up and down like a yo-yo.

B. Direct.

1. God showed great compassion to the Ninevites.
2. We have a great responsibility towards other people.

Application questions:

1. What kinds of people do we have difficulty showing compassion towards today?

2. How is it helpful to understand that God is the source of joy and judgment?

3. What principle can a believer apply to have joy in all circumstances in his own life? Explain.
