

**JONAH'S PRAYER FROM INSIDE THE GREAT CITY:
"I Shouldn't Have Come!"**
(Chapter 4)

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II. Jonah DISOBEYS the Lord

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A. Jonah's displeasure at God's mercy (4:1-3)

1. The Prophet's anger (v. 1)

- a. The word "*displeased*" (Hebrew [r;y" yara`), means to be _____, or _____, it can even involve trembling or quivering.
- b. The word "*angry*" (Hebrew hr'x' charah) to _____ with anger, to be _____, to be earnestly incensed with anger.

2. The Prophet's acknowledgment of God's character (v. 2)

- a. "...for I know that You are a _____ and _____ God, _____ to anger and abundant in loving _____, One who relents from doing harm."
- b. The same attributes that Jonah acknowledged God was _____ in His dealings with Nineveh, were also being poured out in _____ on the prophet himself.

3. The Prophet's prayer for death (v. 3)

* Why was Jonah complaining?

* Have you ever thought this way?

X. The Lord REBUKES His Prophet

A. God's rebuke of Jonah for his attitude (4:4-9)

1. Jonah _____ from the city (v. 5)
2. God prepares a _____ (v. 6)
3. God prepares a _____ (v. 7)
4. God prepares an _____ (v. 8)
5. Jonah refuses to acknowledge his _____ (v. 9)

B. God's compassion for those under His judgment (4:10-11)

1. Jonah's pouting for a plant (v. 10)

* Why was Jonah willing to extend his sympathy for the demise of the plant?

2. God's pity for a city (v. 11)

a. This phrase "*...one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left*" is commonly believed to be a reference to _____.

b. God not only sees the _____ as valuable human beings with eternal _____, but He also sees the _____ of not being worthy of death.

* How does this apply to you?