

Judging God for showing grace

Jonah 4:1-3

- I. Jonah was angry God did not destroy Nineveh (Jonah 4:1).
- II. Jonah accused God of showing grace too easily (Jonah 4:2).
 - A. Jonah objected to God's grace for Nineveh's sin while defending his own (4:2a).
 - B. Jonah described but disagreed with God's gracious nature (4:2b; Exodus 34:6; Psalm 103:8; Joel 2:19).
 - Gracious
 - Compassionate
 - Slow to anger
 - Abounding in love
 - Relents from calamity
- III. Jonah was so angry he asked God to take his life (4:3).

We must address our double standard of justice

We want others to pay for their sins, but we defend ourselves as if we deserve God's favor (Romans 2:3; James 4: 11-12; Matthew 18:23-35).

We must address our struggle with God's grace to others

We resent seeing God bless others while we seem to be blessed less or have hard times (Matthew 20:1-16; Luke 15:11-32; John 21:18-22).