

“The Seven C’s of Jonah 4”

Jonah 4:1-11

Intro: Have you ever been so angry you wanted “to die”?

I. Content

- a. Jonah stewes over God’s mercy for the Ninevites, and over a plant. The LORD questions him about it.

II. Character

- a. God is “long in the nose” (compassionate and patient)
- b. Jonah is “short in the nose” (angry)

III. Concerns

- a. Jonah was more concerned about a plant than the salvation of 120,000 souls. This concerned God.

IV. Corollaries

- a. Jonah knew the Psalms of David. He should have taken Psalm 37 to heart.

V. Comfort

- a. The LORD’s shade is better than a plant.

VI. Curiosities

- a. Jonah has one brief moment of happiness.
- b. Was Jonah’s heart ever softened? Did *he* ever repent?

VII. Christ (Matthew 12:38-41)

- a. Jesus *is* God’s compassion for lost souls (Luke 19:10)

Close: God is sovereign and compassionate, while people are too often obstinate and “short in the nose.”