

Sermon Title: "I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME" - Running Ahead of God

Date: May 26, 2024 - Jonah 4

Central Idea: God exhibits His kindness in the face of our bitterness. Are you willing to confess any bitterness and experience God's kindness?

Introduction:

When we are angry with God, everything in life gets out of perspective, and we say and do selfish things. Things become more important than people, and comfort more important than ministry.

I. Jonah's Anger, Jonah 4:1-4

II. God's Attitude, Jonah 4:5-11

1. God comforted Jonah, vv. 5-8.

(1) Missing God's blessing

(2) A test of character

2. God instructed Jonah, vv. 9-11.

(1) Chapter 1—lesson of God's patience

(2) Chapter 2—lesson of God's pardon

(3) Chapter 3—lesson of God's power

(4) Chapter 4—lesson of God's pity

Conclusion:

Everyone can benefit from the message of Jonah. For those who have felt the call of the Lord upon their lives, there is the warning not to refuse that calling. The book brings comfort to backsliders reminding them that God can still use them. Sinners are shown that true salvation is of the Lord (Jonah 2:9). The young need to remember to heed God's call (and He has called us all to be available). The old should take comfort that it is never too late to serve the Lord even in the face of imminent death.