

JONAH, THE PRODIGAL PROPHET

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Central Idea: God is gracious and merciful.

Introduction:

Jonah 4 confronts us with our own view of God and our view of people. Jonah has a belief in God that is out of line with the truth about who God is and the heart that He has for people outside of the Israelite people and deserving of judgment. Verse 2 is the key for understanding chapter 4 and are Jonah's own words in describing God, and exactly what Jonah was wrestling with, "I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.

1. Jonah's heat.

2. The sun's heat.

3. God's heat.