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Jonah 4:1 – 2

“But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry.” Jonah 4:1

The book of Jonah is not just a short story about a disobedient prophet and a big fish! No, it is a concise and amazingly insightful revelation of the psychology of the human heart. Jonah’s displeasure with the LORD is really not about God’s judgment of Nineveh, rather it is about how Jonah perceives how other people will now view him in light of his prophecy! “Was this not my saying when I was in my own country?” (Jonah 4:2). In essence Jonah is saying, “I knew if I preached about Your imminent judgment, and if the city repented, I knew You wouldn’t punish them and then I would look like a false prophet when the prophesied judgment doesn’t come to pass!”

“Jonah, this is not about you!” Saint of God, life is not all about you! But it is about the graciousness of our God and His desire that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. The people of this world really do need to have a working understanding of the knowledge that Jesus Christ is both Lord and Saviour! (1 Timothy 2:3 – 6).

Such outbursts of human selfishness always do one thing – they reveal our heart’s true condition! When you find yourself being so confronted by your own selfishness, in the light of God’s wonderful mercy, pray that the same mercy would be extended to you. In so doing, you too, may be changed a little more into His compassionate and glorious image!

Agreed?

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