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Jonah 4:3

“Lord, just let me die. It would be far better to die than continue living – especially when everyone thinks now that I’m a false prophet!” Jonah 4:3 Author’s paraphrase.

Anger is a simple matter of you not getting your own way! It is about blocked goals and dreams. It is about frustrated longings and the inner belief that you deserve better treatment than you are presently receiving – from the waitress in the restaurant, the manager on your project, your wife or husband, at home with your parents... or even by the Lord!

Such childish, selfish anger, cries out that if it cannot have its own way it would be better off to die! “Since life is to revolve around my wishes, if I can’t have what I want, what is the use of living? I’ll show them!” Selfishness of the highest order!

Come now and let us apply these very words of Jonah to our own lives. Yes my friend, it is far better to die to self and live unto God in Christ than to continue living on in our own selfish world! This “dying to self” is no less painful than the pain of physical death. “I am crucified with Christ; never the less I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20).

“I die daily.” (1 Corinthians 15:31).

“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.” (Luke 9:23)

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