

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIPS

Main Text: Jonah 4:6-11

Sermon Description: The account of Jonah's ministry and subsequent response is a reminder to us that great triumphs may be attended by great trials as God is pleased to accomplish things *through His servant* as well as *in His servant* simultaneously. Little did Jonah realize how his calling to preach to Nineveh would affect his own soul, revealing his heart and instructing him in the purposes and character of the God he presumptuously second guessed. Other prophets of scripture can relate. I Kings 19 records Elijah's despair of soul upon his successful contest of divine power which shamed and killed every prophet of Baal in the land. The occasion revealed the weakness of the prophet and the compassion of the Lord. Yahweh, the personal and sovereign Lord who rescues nations at the same time He reveals Himself one-on-one to His child. Elijah is encouraged by the ministry of angels and the instruction of God Himself, just as Jonah is patiently corrected by the Lord who administers discipline to His legitimate sons (Heb 12). What are the invaluable lessons we should take to heart from these passages For one: salvation belongs to the Lord, not to us – secondly, in our text today, we are further instructed as to critical relationships in the plan of God and the life of the believer...

Heading: ...THREE RELATIONSHIPS EXAMINED IN THE BOOK OF JONAH...

1. MAN & HIS ENVIRONMENT (Jonah 4:6,9)

- a. Perspective
- b. Ideals
- c. Revelation

2. GOD & CREATION (Jonah 4:6-8a)

- a. Storm & fish (1:4, 2:10)
- b. Sea & land (2:3-6)
- c. Plant, worm, wind (4:6-8)

3. GOD & HIS CREATURES (Jonah 4:10-11)

- a. Cattle
- b. Ninevites
- c. Jonah & us

AIM: TO SELF-EXAMINE ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE LEADING TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Poor perspective	Godly perspective	Sea & land	Plant, worm, wind	His creatures	His wisdom
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Jonah 4:6-9	Jonah 2:1-6	Jonah 1:4, 2:3-6, 2:10	Jonah 4:6-8	Jonah 4:10-11	Rom 11:29-34

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: ...Hebrews 12:18-29 Sinai vs. Zion...