

THE ROGUE PROPHET

JONAH 1:1-3 “¹Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,²Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.³But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.”

1. GOD OPERATES ACCORDING TO HIS DIVINE

_____ (vs. 1)

Psalms 135:6 “Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.”

A. God _____ the Wickedness of Nineveh
(vs. 2b)

B. He _____ Jonah to *Go and Preach* (vs. 2a)

2. THE _____ OF OUR HEARTS IS TO RUN FROM GOD (vs. 3)

Jeremiah 17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”

Romans 8:7 “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”

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1 Corinthians 2:14 “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

- A. Jonah _____ God's Request, but He would not accept it
- B. He _____ to run from God's presence

Jonah 4:1-2 “¹But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.²And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.”

3. WHEN YOU _____ TO GOD'S LEADING, HE MAY _____ YOUR AGENDA

Psalms 33:10 “The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.”

- A. God _____ a Storm (vs. 4)
- B. God _____ Out Jonah (vs. 5-7)

Proverbs 16:33 “The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.”

- C. God _____ Grace Throughout (vs. 17)

Hebrews 12:6 “For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.”

4. THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE IS _____ (2:1-10; 3:5-8)

Titus 2:11-12 “¹¹For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,¹²Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;”

- A. God's Grace _____ us to participate in something Greater than ourselves (3:10)
- B. God's Grace _____ us to live in joyful obedience to God's Word

CONCLUSION

God does not want our compliance but our obedience.