

## **5 Things God Will Not Do**

*From the Book of Jonah*

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*(continued from last week)*

### **GOD WILL NOT DESTROY THOSE WHO WILL REPENT – JONAH 3:1-10**

Much like God did not destroy Jonah, knowing he would repent of his disobedience, so too we find that when the city of Ninevah does repent that God turns aside His wrath, Jonah 3:4-10.

God saw they would turn from their evil way. What evil way are we walking in? There are only two ways spoken of in all of the New Testament, and the destinations are given every time. On one way, we are traveling toward Heaven's goal; on the other, we are headed for eternal destruction, and damnation. Yet all who will turn from that way can find the way into heaven.

### **GOD WILL NOT RESTRICT HIS SALVATION TO THOSE WE DISLIKE JONAH 4:1-4, 11**

Every time I have studied the Bible with someone and helped them put Christ on in baptism, it has been the most beautiful feeling. I have never known anyone who became angry that they preached salvation, and one was saved, yet Jonah 4:1-3 says, "...it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. And 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. Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live".

I will now insert my dad's joke for the day; God's simple reply was a burn so bad Jonah needed some shade. "Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry?" (Jonah 4:4). Did Jonah think God would not withhold his wrath on men, women, and children because Jonah did not like them?

If Jonah had stopped to think for a second, who would want to serve a God like that? A God, who like a Genie, would grant your every wish, that is not the kind of God we would want. If we go back to 2 Kings 14:25 (I said we would notice one more thing), the King did as God had commanded by the prophet Jonah, meaning Jonah delivered the message God send him to deliver. Yet here is the kicker, Jonah delivered both prophecies to a people ruled by a king who was idolatrous and wicked, but he had hatred for those who were not of his own people.

The fact is we serve a God who is seeking just two things. God does not care if you are from this place or that; God is seeking those who will worship Him in Spirit and truth, John 4:23. Instead of being like Jonah, let us run to preach the word of God to all mankind, regardless of who they are.

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