

Series: The Missionary Prophet

Title: Questioning God's Will

Text: (Jonah 4:1-11)

I. Running From God's Will: Chapter 1

II. Submitting to God's Will: Chapter 2

III. Obeying God's Will: Chapter 3

IV. Questioning God's Will: Chapter 4

A. The Prophet is Displeased: (Vs 1-5)

1. Jonah is a Broken Man:
 - a. Broken Spiritually:
 - b. Broken Fellowship: (Is 59:1-2)
 - c. Broken Testimony:
2. Jonah Is an Angry Man: (Vs 1-2)
 - a. Jonah knew God's nature: (2 Pet 3:9)(1 Tim 2:4)
3. Jonah is a Proud Man: (Vs 3-5)
 - a. Jonah's Spiritual Immaturity: (Prov 13:10)
 - b. Jonah's Political Agenda: (Joel 2:13)

B. The Prophet is Rebuked: (Vs 6-11)

1. Interested Only in Fleshly Pleasure: (Vs 6)
2. God can even use a Worm: (Vs 7)
3. Selfcentered, Depressed, Miserable, Suicidal: (Vs 8)
4. When In Sin, Keep your Mouth Shut: (Vs 9)
5. Converts were Jonah's Responsibility: (Vs 10-11)
6. Jonah is grieving over the temporal: (Vs 11)
7. God has a heart for souls: (1 Sam 15:22-23)
8. Jonah Wouldn't trust God with the Big Picture:
(Jer 29:11)(Is 55:6-11)

C. The Book ends in a question mark:

1. God pays attention to our works: (Heb 6:10)
2. God rewards us for our works: (2 Cor 5:10)
(2 Tim 4:6-8)

C. The Only Willing, Obedient Servant was the Whale

1. God asked something unpleasant: (Ch 2:10)
2. God asks you to go somewhere unsuitable:

The whale didn't have to be coerced.

The whale sacrificed himself to do God's will: (Ps 116:15)

Others have sacrificed for you to be able to do God's will.

Will you be a Whale of a Servant?

What are you willing to sacrifice to fulfill God's Will?

How far will you go to see God's will perfected?

Will you sacrifice yourself to see God's will done?

One man can make a difference

The Job is not too big,	Our Vision is too small.
The Opposition is not too big,	Our Submission is too small
The Task is not too big,	Our Commitment is too small
The Goal is not too big,	Our Effort is too small.

Will you be a Whale of a Christian?

Your Greatest Ability is AVAIL-Ability.

But you control Desire.

We can choose to submit our will to Him of our own free will.

Will you be a Whale of a Servant?

Will your book of service to God be left unfinished?

Will you be satisfied with an INCOMPLETE?

Let's strive to be a Whale of a Servant!