

Jonah 4 **Jonah Repines ***

Wednesday

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- v 2 God's Character - **Exodus 34:6-7; Numbers 14:17-18; Nehemiah 9:1**
Psalms 86:15, 103:8-12, 145:8; Joel 2:14; Jonah 4:2
- v 3 God's servants get discouraged : Moses - **Numbers 11:15**
Elijah - **1 Kings 19:4**
Job - **Job 7:15**
- v 4 God's gentle reproof - "how mildly the great God speaks to foolish man" *M. Henry*
Anger - **Psalms 37:8 ; ; James 1:19-20**
 - should we be angry at the mercy of God ? **Psalms 31:7**
 - should we be angry when sinners repent ? **Luke 15:10**
 - should we be angry when God gets glory ? **Romans 5:2**
- v 5 Jonah ~ Elijah **1 Kings 19:9**
Jonah's booth - his work was insufficient (cold at night / hot after noon)
- v 6 *God prepared a gourd* ~ "a tender parent compassionately caring for a froward child" *Henry*
[Gourd - a plant full of broad leaves]
Jonah's misplaced joy - **Psalms 43:4**
- v 7 ~ **Job 1:21** "All our creature comforts are 'gourds' with their roots in the earth.
They're thin, slender, withering things that perish with using. **Col 2:22**
They are nothing compared with *the rock of ages*." *M. Henry*
- v 8 Foolishness - **Proverbs 19:3**
~ "If the gourd is gone...let me be gone."
Foolish men think their life is bound up in their creature comforts.
- v 9 **Ecclesiastes 7:9 Ephesians 4:26-27 Proverbs 22:15**
God understands when one mis-speaks in haste, because it can be recalled and repented.
But to mis-speak and allow it to take root is dangerous. **Hebrews 13:15 Job 5:2**
- v 10-11 Jonah was concerned for a gourd which he neither created nor made to grow.
God : - the creator of the souls in Nineveh
- they were the work of His hands
- the author & preserver of those lives

* def: *Repine* - to be discontented, to complain, to murmur, to envy

