

## **The Unsearchable Love of God (Jonah 4:6-11)**

- Ch 1 God sends Jonah to Nineveh – Jonah flees, swallowed by a fish
- Ch 2. Jonah cries out to God in the fish & God delivers Jonah
- Ch 3. Jonah preaches at Nineveh – the people of Nineveh believe
- Ch 4 Jonah is angry with God and God reveals His grace and kindness

### **I. Jonah's Vine (4:6-9)**

- God “*heaps burning coals*” of kindness onto Jonah’s head (Prov 25:21-22)
  1. Provision of a vine: Jonah is depressed & angry – God shows love (v.6)
  2. Removal of the vine: God removes the vine – scorching east wind (v.7)
    - a. Reduced Jonah to exhaustion
    - b. Throws a temper tantrum: vv.3, 8 “he wished he were dead”
  3. God probes the prophet's conscience: is it right for you to be angry (v.9)

### **II. God's Lesson (4:10-11)**

1. God used the vine to teach Jonah about His free grace
2. God declared it was His pleasure to save Nineveh – grace for all nations
  - a. *Free grace*: Jonah *pities* a plant that God freely gave (v.10)
  - b. God's love for the lost: God freely *pities* lost sinners more (v.11)

### **III. Should you and I not be filled with Pity and Concern?**

1. Concern for a perishing world: we easily talk about it but do nothing
2. Commitment to practical evangelism: we say we care; do we act at all?
3. Confidence in God's purpose to save: Jonah at least believed – do we?