

Sermon Notes

The real God is gracious

Jonah 4

Intro: God's Sovereign Grace – do you love it or hate it?

The big shock: Jonah hates what he knows of God's sovereign grace

- "Sovereign grace" = God's *choice* of whom he saves
- "Sovereign grace" = God's *undeserved* kindness

Big Q: Are you right to be angry at God's sovereign grace?

Angry scene 1: 1-4
"how dare you not destroy Nineveh, they deserve judgement!"

1) But Jonah, you deserve judgement and need sovereign grace!

(as Jonah should remember: 2:1-9!!)

(as Israel should remember: Exodus 32-34, 33:19, 34:6)

Angry scene 2: 5-11
"how dare you destroy my lovely plant, I cared about that!"

2) But Jonah, I'm the sovereign creator, you're not

(i.e. Jonah it's not your plant, Nineveh is not your city)

3) But Jonah, I'm compassionate to others, you're not

(i.e. Jonah that's just a plant, there are 120,000 people!)

Conclusion: will we resent or rejoice in God's sovereign grace?