

IV. Jonah LEARNING, 4:1-11

A. The Complaint, 1-3

1. Its intensity, 1. Very angry-hot.
2. Its integrity, 2. Took complaint to God. Shows he was in fellowship even tho didn't want to go in 1st place.
3. Its intent, 3. Rather die than be reconciled to will of God. Obedient but not reconciled. Also suffering from emotional let down like Elijah 1 Kg 19:4.

B. The Course or Curriculum, 4-8

1. Step #1-gourd, 4-6. v 5 means the 40 days not finished yet. Prepared, 6, 1:17. Palmstret. Grows fast naturally and God accelerated it. Glad bec of shade.
2. Step #2. Worm, 7. God interested in little things and can provide or remove. So pray about everything. Passerby wouldn't have given 2nd glance at withering gourd but God using this for His purposes.
3. Step #3. Wind. LXX says scorcher. Before these steps Jonah had been angry at Nineveh and God; now angry at gourd. Direction changed.

C. The Conclusion, 9-11.

1. The principle or procedure, 9-10. Analogy or object lesson. J regretful over death of a plant which he had not in any way cultivated. Shouldn't God regret death of 600000 of His creatures. *120000 innocent children = 600000 total*
2. The point. 11. Above. Enemies (personal, social, racial) are our Nineveh. God even condnd abt cattle

Lessons Jonah Learned.

1. A lesson about pride, 1-3.

Even having done the will of God his ^{rationality} pride wouldn't let him be reconciled to it. Pride of race, privilege of God having chosen, office as prophet. Gal 6:14 in cf to ~~Sat~~ Judaisers pride in natlity, spir priv.

2. A lesson about possessions or provisions, 4-8.

- a. God provides big and little things, Phil 4:19.
- b. It is proper to rejoice in things, 1 Tim 6:17.
- c. God also takes away, Job 1:21; 2:10.

3. A lesson about people, 9-11. They are God's 1st interest

4. A lesson about priorities, 9-11. This was Jonah's chief problem. Should have put God's interests before his own, Mt 6:33. Put pride, personal feelings, and even his work before God's will a involves people.