

THE UNFAITHFUL PROPHET

Jonah 1:3



The Folly of Jonah

- The command is clear but difficult (1:2).
- Jonah's disobedience is emphatic (1:3).
- He is deluded about his disobedience (1:9).
- Consider his psalm (2:1-9).
- He does the bare minimum (3:4).
- He was angered by God's mercy (4:1-2).
- He would not learn (4:9-11).



The Goodness of Others

- The comparisons begin early (1:5-6).
- They have more concern over Jonah than he does for Nineveh (1:12-16).
- Jonah thinks he compares favorably to “them” (2:8).
- There is considerable description of the repentance of Nineveh (3:5-10).



The Mercy of God

- His mercy is not dismissal of wickedness (1:2; cf. 4:2; Nahum).
- He chastises, but does not kill, Jonah (2:10).
- He patiently continues to instruct Jonah (4:6-11).
- Jesus continued this same message as he walked the earth (Lk. 15:25-32).

