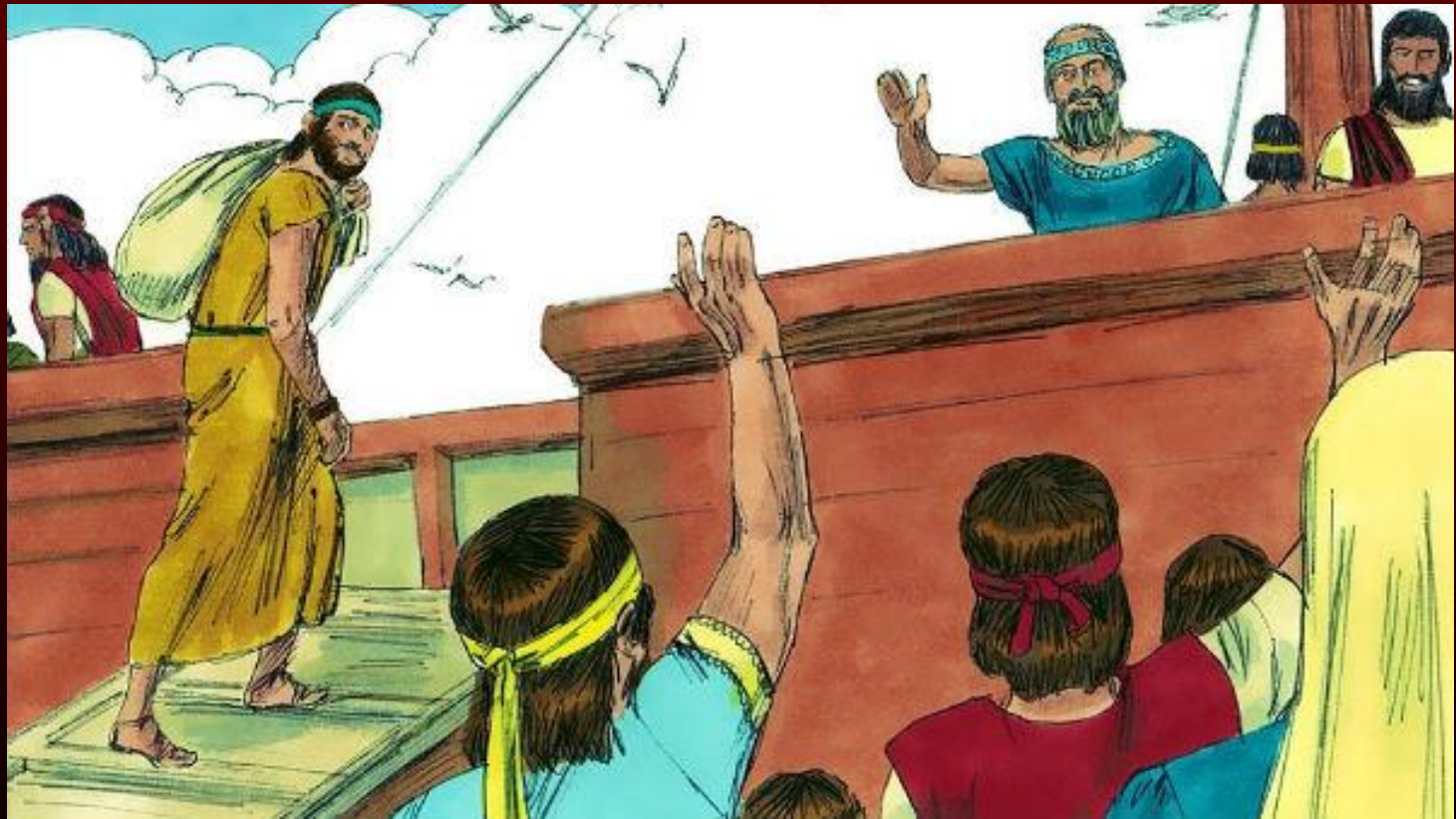


Case Study in Anger:



Looking at Jonah & Us

Looking at Jonah



God Called Jonah to Preach to Nineveh



Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.” But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. --- *Jonah 1:1-3* ---

God Caused Tempest, Jonah Admitted Fleeing & Was Thrown Off Ship



Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, “Why have you done this?” For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them. Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you that the sea may be calm for us?”—for the sea was growing more tempestuous. And he said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest is because of me.” --- ***Jonah 1:10-12*** ---

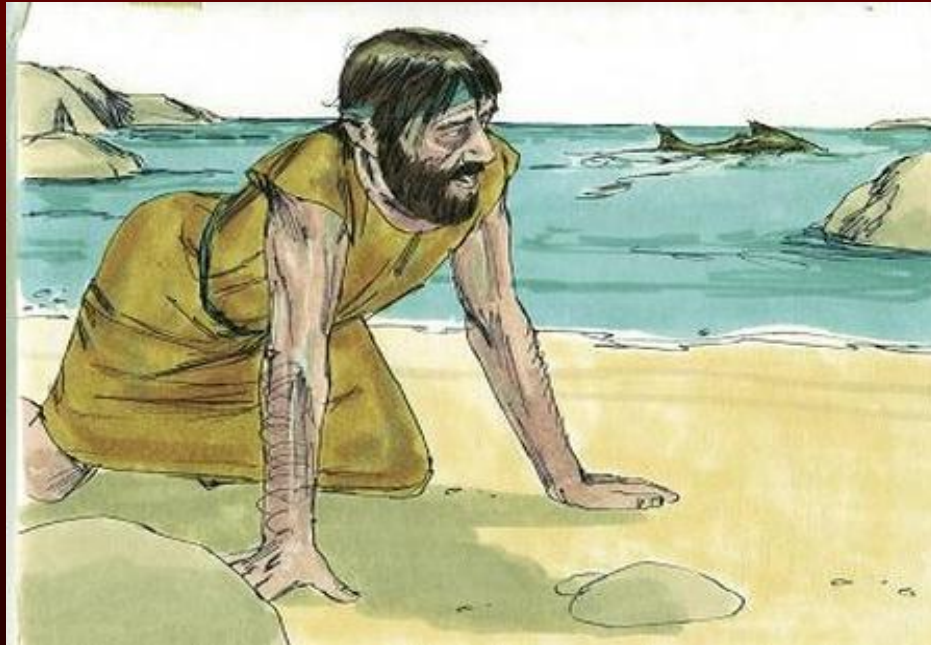
Jonah Was Swallowed by Great Fish



Now the Lord had
prepared a great fish
to swallow Jonah.
And Jonah was in the
belly of the fish three
days and three nights.

--- Jonah 1:17 ---

God Brought Him Back & Called Jonah to Preach to Nineveh Again



So the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land. Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey in extent. --- ***Jonah 2:10 - 3:1-3*** ---

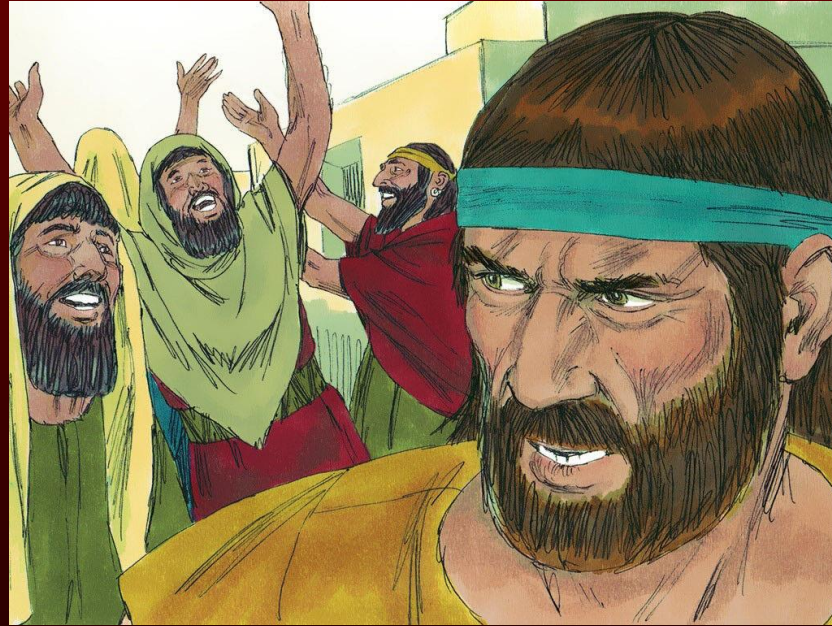
Jonah Preached to Nineveh & They Repented



And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes... Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

--- Jonah 3:4-10 ---

Jonah Was Angered at Nineveh's Repentance – Wanted Destroyed



But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. So he prayed to the Lord, and said, “Ah, Lord, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm. Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live!” Then the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ***Jonah 4:1-4***

God Taught Jonah Lesson on Anger



So Jonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city. There he made himself a shelter and sat under it in the shade, till he might see what would become of the city. And the Lord God prepared a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be shade for his head to deliver him from his misery. So Jonah was very grateful for the plant. But as morning dawned the next day God prepared a worm, and it so damaged the plant that it withered. And it happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah's head, so that he grew faint. Then he wished death for himself, and said, "*It is better for me to die than to live.*" --- ***Jonah 4:5-8*** ---

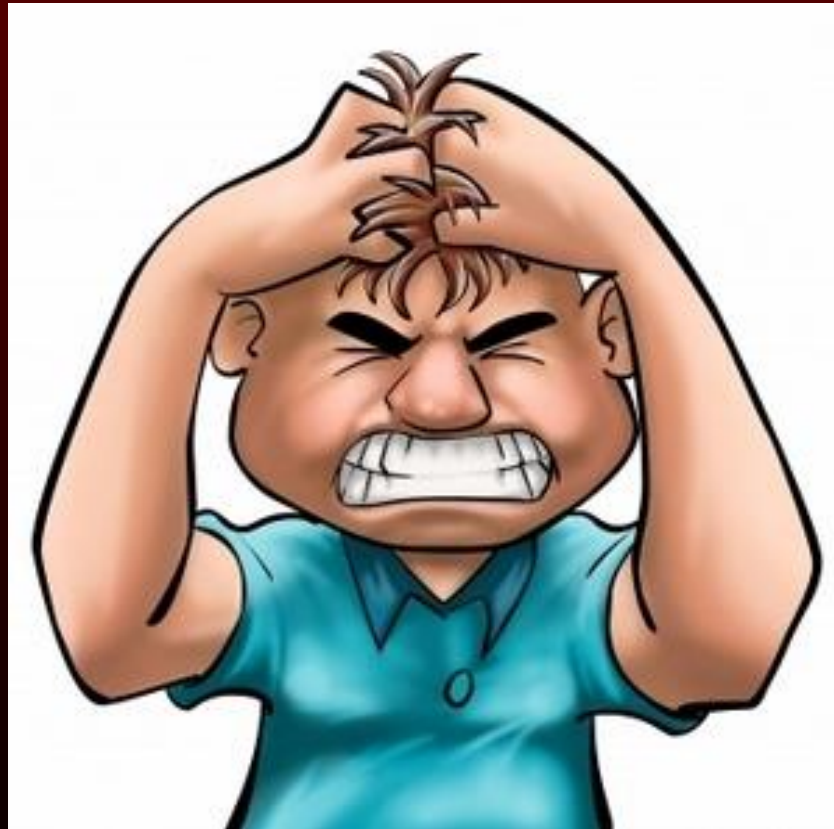
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Then God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?” And he said, “It is right for me to be angry, even to death!” But the Lord said, “You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night. And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left — and much livestock?” --- *Jonah 4:9-11* ---

**It Was Not Right for
Jonah To Be Angry**

Looking at Us



Bible Teaching on Anger

- Not to be rash or quick to anger
 - *Proverbs 14:17* Quick-tempered man acts foolishly
 - *Ecclesiastes 7:9* Not to hasten in spirit to be angry
 - *Jas. 1:19-20* Swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath
- Must put the progression of anger away from us
 - *Colossians 3:8* To put off anger, wrath, malice...
 - *Matthew 5:21-22* Gospel law on anger & angry speech
- Overcoming anger is done by our own choice
 - *Psalms 37:8* “Cease from anger and forsake wrath...”
 - *Ephesians 4:26-27* “Be angry, and do not sin...”

Are We Doing Well To Be Angry...

- Over necessity for or content of truth preached?
- Having a partisan, not spiritual, view of the lost?
- Because we do not like God's order?
- When a blessing is taken away from us?
- At being faced with who and what we really are?
- When we endure hardships and trials of life?
- When we don't "get our way"?