

Understanding God's Grace

Then the LORD provided a gourd and made it grow up over Jonah to give him shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the gourd. Jonah 4:6 (TNIV)

But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the gourd, so that it withered. Jonah 4:7 (TNIV)

When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. Jonah 4:8 (TNIV)

Is it right for you to be angry about the gourd? Jonah 4:9 (TNIV)

*Should I not have **concern** for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left-and also many animals? Jonah 4:11 (TNIV)*

1. Jonah has compassion for a plant, God has compassion.....

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. But the more they were called, the more they went away from me..... How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? My heart is changed within me. Hosea 11:1,8 (TNIV)

2. God is weeping over the

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it, and said 'If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace-but now it is hidden from your eyes. Luke 19: 41,42 (TNIV)

3. God is a

Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with Moses and proclaimed his name, the LORD. And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, 'The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished: Genesis 34:5-7 (TNIV)

4. God is..... and wants to pardon everyone, but he is also..... and will never let sin go unpunished.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. John 1:14 (TNIV)

When a Christian believes he is simultaneously righteous in God's sight and yet still a sinner. Martin Luther

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5. Grace says God isn't our but our

6. Jonah's anger causes him to

Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. Jonah 4:5 (TNIV)

7. Jonah's anger causes him to

8. Jonah can't yet accept the

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8 (TNIV)

