



Jonah

Background

- Jonah is most likely the author of the book. If he did not write it, the author was intimately familiar with his story.
- He prophesied during the reign of King Jeroboam II of Israel (793-753 BC) (2 Kings 14:25). God commanded him to preach to the residents of Nineveh, the capital city of Assyria. Assyria conquered Israel in 722 BC.
- Because of the book's supernatural elements, some consider it a work of fiction or a parable. The Lord Jesus believed it was true history (Matthew 12:38-41).

Roadmap

1. Running _____ God (1)
 - A. Jonah's Disobedience (1-3a)
 - B. Jonah's Digression (3b-10)
 - C. Jonah's Discipline (12-17)
2. Running _____ God (2)
3. Running _____ God (3)
4. Running _____ God (4)

Landmark

The theme of Jonah is, "The Relentless _____ of God." In the process of pursuing the people of Nineveh, God pursues the heart of His prodigal prophet.

Must See

- Jonah's experience in the belly of the whale was a picture of Christ's resurrection (Matthew 12:38-41).
- Everything Jonah did wrong, Jesus did right:
 - Jonah reluctantly pursued sinners; Jesus relentlessly pursued sinners.
 - Jonah wanted to enjoy God's favor while sinners were judged; Jesus forfeited God's favor so they could be saved.

Takeaway

1. Will we settle for knowledge about God or develop hearts full of _____ for God?
2. Will we value temporary _____ more than the eternal souls of people?
3. Will we separate God's mercy on us from God's _____ in this world?