

A Worm's Eye View of Missions

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Jonah 4.
- B. God is more concerned with the worker than the work.
- C. Jonah had three witnesses.

II. Jonah's credentials.

- A. He had a call from God, his theology was evangelical, he prayed and his preaching brought results. (Exodus 34, Numbers 13)
- B. The wrong question that they did not ask is whether Jonah had a love for the people he was ministering to.
- C. Jonah caused trouble out of the will of God.

III. Jonah's companions.

- A. The fish could not stomach him.
- B. The Ninevites found him to be a problem because he did not disciple them.
- C. The worm did not like him because he was angry, bigoted and prejudice, and his prayers were selfish. Jonah was pampered

IV. Jonah's Lord.

- A. Jonah obeyed outwardly and not inwardly. (Ephesians 6:6)
- B. God is patient with Jonah
- C. Jonah learned about God's providence, pardon, and power. He refused the lesson of loving lost souls.
- D. God had to teach Jonah that he wanted his heart.
- E. Jesus lived from the heart.
- F. We must learn the lesson of God's pity to be a blessing to others.

Application questions:

1. Why can some ministers be deceptively qualified? Explain.

2. Why is it important to live genuinely from the heart? What does this mean?

3. What is your attitude toward lost believers? How is this reflected in your actions? Explain.
