

**ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE - APRIL 30, 2017**

**TOPIC: GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL BLESSINGS!**

Sermon 4: *God's Pity!*

**TEXT:** Jonah 4:1-11

**INTRO:** Jonah 1 - God's PATIENCE!

Jonah 2 - God's PARDON!

Jonah 3 - God's POWER!

In Jonah 4, here we see God's PITY!

**I. GOD'S PITY IS PROVIDED FOR IN SPITE OF OUR UNPLEASANT BEHAVIOUR - v.1**

- 1. Jonah was "angry" that God had saved them - v.1 cf. 3:5,10 c.f. Luke 15:7

**II. GOD'S PITY IS PROVIDED FOR IN SPITE OF OUR PREJUDICES: vv.2-3**

Note: Jonah's preconceived idea on the Ninevites' salvation experience is shown in his misconception of:

- 1. The PEOPLE for salvation - only for the Jews! - Romans 3:9-10; John 3:16
- 2. The PLAN of salvation - only for the righteous! - I Peter 3:18; cf. II Corinthians 5:21

**III. GOD'S PITY IS PROVIDED FOR ALL PEOPLE: v.11**

- 1. It is universal in its SCOPE - those who did not know of God's mercy! - Romans 10:1-3
- 2. It is universal in its CONCERNS - v.11b

Note: God is deeply "concerned" about the salvation of the lost! Luke 19:10

**CONCLUSION:** Christ's Great Pity!

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**God's Pity - Create Him!**

When God was about to create man, says a Jewish legend, He took into His counsel the angels that stood about His throne. "Create him not," said the angel of Justice, "for if Thou dost he will commit all kinds of wickedness against his fellow men; he will be hard and cruel and dishonest and unrighteous." "Create him not," said the angel of Truth, "for he will be false and deceitful to his brother-man, and even to Thee." "Create him not," said the

angel of Holiness, "for he will follow that which is impure in Thy sight, and dishonor Thee to thy face."

Then stepped forward the angel of Mercy (God's best beloved) and said: "Create him, our Heavenly Father, for when he sins and turns from the path of right and truth and holiness, I will take him tenderly by the hand, and then lead him back to Thee!" - J.A. Clarks

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**Verse For Today**

*"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!" - Lam. 3:22-23*

**Food For Thought**

"God's mercy is bigger than any mistake that you've made!" - Source: Unknown

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**TOPIC:** *Choosing The Pastor From God's Perspective!*

**TEXT:** Romans 13:1-2; I Timothy 2:1-3

**INTRO:** Choosing, and praying for our Chinese pastor according to God's perfect will is not an easy task, as man looks at the outward features, but God looks at the heart! - I Samuel 16:7 cf. 9:2; 10:23-24

**I. Two Foundational Truths To Consider:**

- 1. God is the One responsible for putting each individual in their respective leadership position, be it secular or religious in nature - Rom. 13:1-2
- 2. God wants us to pray for all those in the leadership position, be it secular or religious in nature - I Timothy 2:1-3

**II. Prayer Is Key In This Process:**

- 1. Ask God for wisdom - James 1:5-6
- 2. Ask God for His will to be done - I John 5:14-15
- 3. We should HUMBLE ourselves and TURN from known sin(s) - II Chronicles 7:14

**CONCLUSION:** Once all of the above is done, rest assured that God will hear and answer our prayer, and will give to us the Chinese pastor who is after His own heart! Amen.

