

**God is concerned about people – Jonah 4:1-11**  
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Introduction

- What areas of our lives should sound theology affect?
- What happened to Jonah in Chapter 1?
- What did Jonah do in Chapter 2?
- What happened at Nineveh in Chapter 3?

i Character

- What is Jonah's response when God relents from sending calamity upon Nineveh in **v1**?
- Why does Jonah hate the people of Nineveh?
- What five things does Jonah say about the Lord in **v2**?
  - (i)
  - (ii)
  - (iii)
  - (iv)
  - (v)
- Which other passage shows that this is sound theology?
- Jonah has sound theology, then; but what is his problem?
- How do **v3-4** show that Jonah's words about God in v2 were true?
- What are we meant to learn from v1-4?
- In what ways might we be a bit like Jonah today?

ii Compassion

- How would you describe Jonah's attitude in **v5**?
- What three things does God provide in **v6-8** to teach Jonah an object lesson?
- What is the Lord's lesson in **v9-11**?

- Why does the Book of Jonah end so suddenly?
- What is the first question which Jonah 4 makes us ask ourselves?
- What is the second question which Jonah 4 makes us ask ourselves?
- What are two passages concerning our Lord Jesus Christ which show that He had the opposite attitude to Jonah's?
  - (i)
  - (ii)
- What can help you better to think about the multitudes in Reading (or wherever you live) in the right way?
- What is the third question which Jonah 4 makes us ask ourselves?
- Write down three practical steps you could take to help you to cultivate an international concern:
  - (i)
  - (ii)
  - (iii)
- What is the fourth question which Jonah 4 makes us ask ourselves?
- Who does God have the right and the freedom to show mercy to?
- Why can we not regard any person or nation as outside the scope of God's grace?