

Running from the Lord (Jonah 1:1-3)

Introduction

- What do Christians sometimes do?
- What three things does v1 teach us about Jonah?
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
- What three things does II Kings 14:23-25 teach us about Jonah?
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)

i The penetrating justice of God (v2)

- What is the first thing the Lord tells Jonah to do in v2 (which the NIV doesn't translate)?
- What does that mean?
- Describe Nineveh.
- What were the Assyrians known for?
- Who had noticed?
- What did he do about it?
- What is the first lesson which that teaches us?
- What is the second lesson which that teaches us?
- Did the Assyrians respect the Lord?
- What is nevertheless true of him?

- Which other verses teach that God is the judge of all the earth?
- Why is this comforting?
- Why is this terrifying?
- What is the only reason why Christians are not terrified, then?
- What do you need to do if you are not a Christian?

ii The inescapable presence of God (v3)

- Why should we be taken aback by the start of v3?
- Why must Jonah have thought that providence was smiling at him?
- But what does v3 say twice?
- What are two reasons why Jonah should have known better?
 - (i)
 - (ii)
- What are six example ways in which we might run away from the Lord?
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
 - (iv)
 - (v)
 - (vi)
- Are you running from the Lord in anything?
- What do you need to do if you are?
- What does Hebrews 12:1-2 teach us about a better way to run?
- How can we do that?