

## Sermon Notes – March 22, 2026

### Compassion Personified (*Jonah 4*)

- I. God's compassion is greater than Jonah's anger. (*Vss. 1-3*)
  - A. God's compassion.
    - 1. Gracious: undeserved benevolence.
    - 2. Compassionate: loves like a mother. (*Matthew 23:37*)
    - 3. Slow to anger: patience. (*I Corinthians 13*)
    - 4. Abounding in love: (Hesed) Covenant love; redemptive love.
    - 5. Relents concerning calamity: No pleasure in the death of the wicked. (*Ezekiel 18:23; 33:11*)
  - B. Jonah's anger.
    - 1. He hates the Ninevites.
    - 2. He doesn't want Israel to lose its privileged status.
    - 3. He is offended at God's sovereign will.
  
- II. God's compassion extends to all creation. (*Vss. 4-11*)
  - A. God's patience determined. (Question 1)
    - 1. Rather than rebuke, a teaching moment.
  - B. God's sovereignty defined. (Question 2)
    - 1. A plant.
    - 2. A worm.
    - 3. A wind and the sun.
  - C. God's salvation displayed. (Question 3)
    - 1. His compassion for the lost.
    - 2. His concern for the important. (*Psalms 36:6*)