

# **“THE FOUR PROBLEMS OF THE PROPHET”**

## **Jonah 4:1-11**

### **I. JONAH HAD A PROBLEM WITH HIS PRIDE (Vs. 1-2)**

#### **A. The Strong Passion Of His Anger (1)**

1. The Cause Of His Displeasure (1a) “But it...”
2. The Course Of His Displeasure (1b)  
“...displeased Jonah exceedingly...”
3. The Conclusion Of His Displeasure (1c)  
“...and he was very angry.”

#### **B. The Strange Prayer In His Anger (2)**

1. Jonah Revealed What He Feared About God While In Israel (2a)  
“And he prayed unto the Lord, and said, I pray thee, O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country?...”
2. Jonah Revealed Why He Fled From God In Israel (2b)  
“...Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish:...”
3. Jonah Revealed What He Found Out About God In Israel (2c-2g)
  - a. He Knew He Was A God Of Pardon (2c)  
“...for I knew that thou art a gracious God,...”
  - b. He Knew He Was A God Of Pity (2d) “...and merciful,...”
  - c. He Knew He Was A God Of Patience (2e) “...low to anger,”
  - d. He Knew He Was A God Of Philanthropy (2f)  
“...and of great kindness,...”
  - e. He Knew He Was A God Of Principal (2g)  
“...and repentest thee of the evil.”

### **II. JONAH HAD A PROBLEM WITH HIS PITY (Vs. 3-4)**

#### **A. A Foolish Request For Death (3a-3c)**

1. The Basis For Jonah’s Request (3a) “Therefore...”
2. The Boldness In His Request (3b) “...now, O Lord,
3. The Begging In His Request (3c)  
“...take, I beseech thee, my life from me;...”

#### **B. A False Reasoning From Despair (3d)**

“...for it is better for me to die than to live.”

