

Questions for Consideration—With the Master on our Knees—Lesson 5—Lessons from Jonah

(Part 2) The prayer of an Angry Man—Jonah 3 and 4.

1. (a) Read Jonah chapter 3 and make note of any genuine signs of repentance that you see in Jonah and in the Ninevites. (b) Next read chapter 4. Who continued to show genuine signs of repentance and who did not? (c) What lessons do you learn from these two chapters about repentance?

2. Memorize Jonah 4:10, 11.

3. (a) In what ways does the Lord exhibit the qualities of 1 Corinthians 13 in Jonah chapters 3 and 4? (b) In what ways does Jonah fail to exhibit the qualities of 1 Corinthians 13 in chapters 3 and 4 of Jonah? (c) Which camp do you find yourself more often in when dealing with others, the camp of our Lord or the camp of Jonah? (d) What practical things have you found helpful when dealing with situations or people that are difficult for you to love?

4. (a) Why did Jonah want to die according to Jonah chapter 4? (b) Who else wanted to die and what was their motive according to Numbers 11:1-15; 1 Kings 19; Job 7 and Philippians 1:21-25? (c) Do you think there is ever a righteous reason(s) for wanting to die? Prove your answer biblically.

5. (a) What similarities do you see between Jonah in Jonah chapter 4 and the older son in Luke 15:11-32? (b) What words would you use to describe Jonah as you consider what is written in the book of Jonah?

6. (a) What valuable principles have you learned from these two lessons we have had on the prayers of Jonah? (b) What have you learned about praying when you are disobedient and when you are angry? (c) What changes would you like to see in your own life as a result of these two lessons? (d) What is your biblical plan of action for change?

7. (a) Looking over question number 5 again, what is your prayer request? (b) Please write one to share with others in your group.

