

Blinded By Bitterness

Jonah 3:5-4:11

Why Jonah Was Bitter

- Nineveh was a nation that showed no mercy to those they attacked.
- Maybe Nineveh attacked a city in Israel and butchered people that Jonah knew.
- The deadliest of sins known to man is bitterness.
- Bitterness is deadly because it causes trouble and defiles many.

Bitterness

- Bitterness is essentially a “religious” disease.
- Those who are bitter are convinced that they are right.
- Bitterness is a “religious” disease because those who allow it to take root in their souls take God’s throne for their own.
- Bitter people spend their time thinking about what others have done to them.

Consequences of Bitterness

- Being bitter defiles us and robs us of God's grace.
- Bitterness and resentment prove we do not trust God.
- We should flee from bitterness because we represent Jesus Christ.
- Jonah failed to represent the God he served.

Conclusion

Matthew 25:40, *“…Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.”*